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Conflict between nations is replaced by vicious civil strife that lasts for decades

The end of war – and peace

By Christopher Bellamy

There were fewer wars last year than at any time since the end of the Cold War in 1989, according to the authoritative Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

The Institute's latest yearbook notes some intriguing trends underlying the apparently chaotic conflicts. None of last year's wars was between nations. All 30 were civil wars fought within "weak" or "failed states", apparently signalling a further shift away from the pattern of inter-state wars which has characterised the modern era.

Yet as the institute, Sipri. makes clear, the new age of warfare has brought its own terrible price, Internal conflicts can be as bloody, or worse, than international clashes, and can buhhle away for years, even decades.

The United Nations Charter is not designed to deal with civil war, and there is still no consensus as to when other states are entitled to intervene, And the main military powers are increasingly called upon to commit themselves as peacekeepers or peace-enforcers. without wartime mobilisation, straining their resources.

The distinction between wartime" and "peacetime" is breaking down: in that sense. the world is witnessing the endof "war" and "peace".

The number of wars is in "very slow but steady decline". according to Sipri, and it is expected to decline more sharply in the luture as conflicts which were suppressed during the Cold War and have since erupted play themselves out,

Last year there were 30 conflicts in 25 different regions of the world, compared with 32 in 28 regions in 1994. There has been a slow but continuous fall since 1989, when there were 36 conflicts in 32 regions. However, wars last longer, and in intensity can fluctuate wildly.

More of the internal conflicts ritory than over government control. Instead of "winner takes all" struggles to secure control of a state, civil wors increasingly involve attempts by local or ethnic groups to break away, or to struggle for control of resources.



...But the bloodshed continues

Peru, 28,000 Guatemala, 2,800 3 Colombia, 30,000

4 Liberia, 20,000 5 Sierra Leone, 3,000

7 Algeria, 45,000 8 Sudan, 40,000 9 Somatia, not known

10 Bosnia/Herzegovina, 55,000; Croatia, 10,000 11 Israel, 12,500 12 Iraq, not known

13 Turkey, 17,000 Two new major conflicts heare now being fought over ter- gan in 1995; the Russian operation in Chechnya, which overwhelmed all other conflicts in its intensity and in the number of people killed, and the civil war in Sierra Leone between the government and the

Revolutionary United Front.

and Rwanda - ended, and in another four - Azerbaijao, the Croat-Muslim conflict in Bosnia, Georgia and Northern Ireland - there were cease-fires of varying longevity and dura-

Conflicts in progress in 1995

"Major armed conflict" is defined as that which kills more But two conflicts - in Yemen than 1,000 people a year. The cession in the South Philip-

worst last year, by far, was Chechnya, estimated to have killed 10.000 to 40.000 people. But, according to Trevor Findlay, the Sipri project leader for peace-keeping and regional security, many other conflicts go unnoticed, "East Timor,

for years but they're not big enough yet. further as the end of the Cold War had enabled a number of Bougainville, the Muslim se-

Dr Findlay thought the number of conflicts would decrease disputes that had been bubbling

under the surface of former

pines, the Chittagong Hill

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Communist states, such as the former Yugoslavia - and on the edges of the former Soviet Union, to break out, "They will sooner or later he worked through," he said,

"But Africa is different. It's not Cold-War related and is connected with resources. It is also hard to see the UN inter- food and water, as population

vening oo a large scale fashion in any of these conflicts." He said conflicts in Namibia. Angola and Mozambique had all been resolved successfully, but in future the UN might stay out. Conflict is increasingly expected to break out over scarce supplies of

15 Sri Lanka, 32,000

16 Russla, 40,000

17 Tajikistan, 50,000

18 Afghanistan, 15,000

20 Cambodia, 25,500

21 Philippines, 25,000

22 Bangladesh, 3,500

23 Indonesia, 16,000

19 India, 37,000

Fighting on, and on: A member of the National Patriotic Front during a battel in Liberia's capital,

increases. In the longer term. glohal warming will also be a

The Sipri report highlights the changed nature of ioternational security problems and the pressures on the UN, especially in Bosoia, where it was outflanked.

"While the UN in its 50th anniversary year played a role in almost every conflict situation the new emphasis was on conflict preventioo ... diplomatically, the UN was marginalised by the Dayton process. It was not even represented at the

The 50-year old UN Charter coocentrates on the need to preserve "international peace and security", and contains few direct provisions for dealing with internal conflicts. There has to be a risk to international security - such as large numbers of refugees spilling over borders - before the UN's authority can be

invoked. "The original framers of the charter didn't have internal conflicts in mind", said Dr Findlay. "It seems to me internal conflict is intrinsically more difficult to deal with. It's very difficult to get a han-

The involvement of the hig powers has shifted from active support of one side against the other to attempts to minimise and contain conflicts-like the UN and Nato interventioo in Bosnia. But the oced for the major powers like Britain. France and the US to be continually involved in other people's wars in what is still called "peacetime", has placed their armed forces under considerable strain.

No longer can they expect to mobilise reserves and large chunks of the national life to hack those forces up. This week, the House of Commons Defence Committee said that "either a prolonged peace-keeping mission like I-For [in Bosnial is too large a task or the Army is too small."

ernmeots will find harder and harder to square.

QUICKLY

Murder 'whitewash' A report into the psychiatric care of Shaun Armstrong who @urdered three-year-old Rosie Palmer in Hartlepool was a "whitewash", her mother said

Ecstasy danger Users of the drug cestasy are

risking long-term brain damage. according to two experts who argue the drug should never be Page 3 legalised. Russia prepares

Russian officials were vesterday

completing preparations of

mind-boggling proportions for the first presidential election

since their country became an

independent nation. Page 14 Money in blue jeans Levi Strauss plans to give all its employees in the UK a bonus

of a year's salary.

DONALD MACINTYRE

John Major's patience with Baroness Thatcher finally snapped last night after she embarrassed him by handing out a large and highly public donation to William Cash, leader of this week's Commons rebellion against government policy

on Europe. Lady Thatcher's calculated and defiant piece of smookcocking came after Mr Cash, the MP for Stafford, had been effectively ordered by Alastair Goodlad, the Chief Whip, to stop taking funding for his European Foundation from Sir James Goldsmith.

This angered some of the

have persuaded Lady Thatcher to intervene. But in what amounted to his first clear rehuke for Lady Thatcher after enduring a series of unhelpful interventions in the running battles over Europe within the party, a furious Mr Major hit back. He declared that, though everyone had a right to decide to do what they wished with their money, "Lady Thatcher must answer for her owo

actions. Personally I would have

given the money to the Con-

servative Party After meeting Mr Cash, who has been a thorn in the Prime Minister's side for the past four years, Lady Thatcher issued a warm and public "Dear Bill" let-Page 5 | Conservatives' hard-line anti-ter to the rehel MP. Mr Cash | Conservative held seats.

Brussels MPs and seems to himself had been at the centre of a furious row within his own party this week over fact that Sir James Goldsmith has been a major donor to the European foundation, which Mr Cash chairs, and which provides the hardline Euro-sceptic MP with research assistance in the House of Commons. Mr Major was said to be incandescent at the gesture towards one of his principal Euro-sceptic termen-

> Mr Cash was bitterly attacked in public by pro-Eu-ropean fellow MPs and in private by senior ministers for accepting money from the billionaire tycoon, whose Referendum Party is threatening the fragile majorities in up to 20

Mr Cash, who only vesterday morning had been accused dismissively by Kenneth Clarke. the Chancellor, of "pure gesture politics" subsequently announced that while he had done nothing wrong in accepting the money he would now

stop doing so. Lady Thatcher wrote: "The work of the European Foundation in researching information about European issues is vital both to the Conservative Party and to the country. It is well known that the advocates of European federalism have never lacked access to funding. Not so those who seek to preserve British sovereignty. It is therefore all the more important that your foundation ership over Europe, Mr Clarke,

we have discussed, I am making a donation to help it do so." Mr Cash last night expressed his great grautude at what he called a "substantial" donation from "one of the great prime ministers of our times". He refused to disclose the amount. hut said that he had also

received several "smaller but

significant donations" since the argument about his funding from Sir James had blown up. Baroness Thatcher's help for Mr Cash came as the Chancellor savaged him for taking moocy from the leader of a party which was going to put up candidates against the Conserva-

Defending Mr Major's lead-

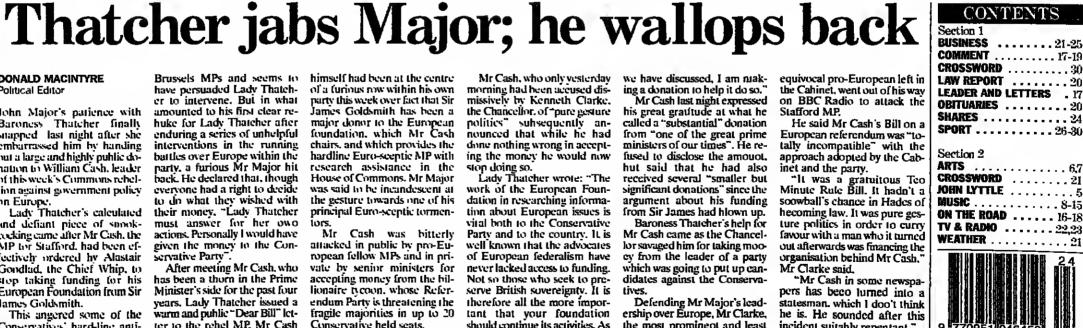
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the Cahinet, went out of his way on BBC Radio to attack the Stafford MP.

He said Mr Cash's Bill on a European referendum was "totally incompatible with the approach adopted by the Cabinet and the party.

"It was a gratuitous Teo Minute Rule Bill. It hadn't a soowball's chance in Hades of hecoming law. It was pure gesture politics in order to curry favour with a man who it turned out afterwards was financing the organisation behind Mr Cash,' Mr Clarke said.

"Mr Cash in some newspapers has been lurned into a statesman, which I doo't think he is. He sounded after this should continue its activities. As the most promineot and least incident suitably repentant."



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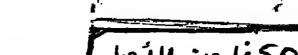


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There ain't nothing like a Dame disturbed

She doesn't know it, but for some time now I have been carrying a torch for Dame Peggy Fenner. Twice a week, instead of attending to the mundane and drah husiness of argument about how the country is being run, I lnok down from my cyrie in the press gallery and watch

Yesterday, as always, she took her seat in the front row below the gangway attired as one about to be presented to Her Majesty shortly before a Gala performance of something or other. Sometimes (hliss!) she dresses in clinging, azure coloured silks, others her long, long dresses feature fabulous patterns (once I thought Pharoah triumphant, taken the Chamber. It is as though she



DAVID AARONOVITCH

Karnak - hut it is true that my glasses were steamed up at the

hp, alternately looking ahead or examining her order paper. She does not shout or gesticulate. Instead she listens. But not, one fancies, to what is happening in

her own private concert, scrupieces of music passing through her immuculately coiffured head. Only the liniest twitch, a purse of the lips, an inclination, gives any clue as to the tempo or pitch of her internal orchestra (although usually the fare seems to be a little Handel and

a lot of Gilhert and Sullivan). Yesterday, however, was different. Dame Peggy had taken her place accounted in a slinky patterned number, with puce panels, handbag and lipstick to match. As Jacques "Buzz-saw" Arnold asked the PM - in low whine - some ridiculous whip's question about how Britain is now the richest and happiest country in the universe, Pegs

were in the first row of seats at was being treated to "A Wandering Minstrel 1"

There was no hint of the cacophony to come when Tony Blair asked the Prime Minister a carefully constructed question. Had the MPs for Harrow East and Hendon North managed to wring a big concession out of the Health Secretary, with regard to Edgware Hospital, by threatening to withdraw their support from the government?

They had not, Mr Major, insisted emphatically. No deals had been done. Lots of other people had lobbied the gov-ernment too; churchmen, local groups, you know. And the net result was that the A&E department at Edgware had not been saved, as the MPs had wanted. So that was that, "A

thing of rags and patches," hummed Dame Peggy silently.

Outside it was becoming discordant. Mr Blair pointed out that the MPs themselves had said that their threats had produced a positive response would the PM categorically deny this? To which Mr Major repeated his earlier formulation. A yard away from Dame Peggy, Labour's Andrew Mackinlay was now shouting at the top of his voice. Suddenly aware that something was up she peered curiously at him from over her order paper - Wagner is not usually part of her

repertoire When Blair stood up a third time all hell broke loose. The peasant levies on the Tory side realised that their man was in

trouble. Behind lovely Peg. Buzz-saw moved into an intolerably high gear. The Speaker shouted at him to belt up. Then former headmaster Harry

Greenway had to be warned. "What about Mackinlay?", he yelled, regressing 50 years in five seconds. Now the Dane's face indicated that Stockhausen's loudest and most experimental symphony was playing to an unappreciative audience.

Finally Sir John Gorst (one of the two MPs concerned) supported his Prime Ministerin Lenin's words, "as the rope supports the hanging man" - by revealing that the concession had only been quite big. Slumping back, Dame Peggy could hear the mournful bars of "The

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The IRA was undoubtedly responsible for shooting dead a detective last week during an abortive armed raid on a postal delivery van, the Irish Republic's Garda

Commissioner said yesterday.

The assertion by Commissioner Patrick Colligin followed ballistic tests confirming bullets used in the robbery that killed Garda Jerry McCahe and critically injured a colleague matched those from a Kalashnikov assault rifle used in an IRA raid in 1994. Kalashnikovs are used almost exclusively in Ireland by the IRA.

Public outrage at the murder drew 25,000 people including the Irish President Mary Robinson, the Taoiseach, John Bruton, and other party leaders to Garda McCabe's funeral in Limerick, effectively turning the event into a demonstration against terrorism.

Postat workers are to strike for 24 hours next Friday after the breakdown of talks over a pay and productivity package yesterday. The action by 140,000 Royal Mail workers in the Communications Workers Union is the first national postal strike in a decade.

Management registered their keenness to contain the industrial action to one stoppage, but it appeared there was a deep rift over management plans to improve efficiency.

Royal Mail said that no post boxes would be scaled sext.

Friday and that employees appoint be paid questions to the Friday and that employees would be paid overtime to clear the backlog quickly. Negotiations resume on Monday in an attempt to revert the action, although management concede the strike is likely to go ahead. Barrie Clement

lan Yantob was appointed director of programmes

The the BBC in a move that makes him the "creative"
leader across its television and radio production. His new brief covers drama, music, arts, sport, children's and factual shows as well as English language work fur the World

In a move predicted by the Independent last week, he will lead the board of management programme committee on which the directors of radio and television, channel controllers and production heads sit. Previously controller of BBCL a post which now disappears. Mr Yentub commissioned some of the corporation's most successful programmes including Pride and Prejudice. P.4

Damages of £150,000 were awarded against police in London who falsely arrested two Turkish refegees who fled to Britain to escape persecution. Huci Bozkurt. 35, and Baki Ates, 34, were allegedly punched and one was hit with a truncheon after they were arrested for violent disorder during a protest outside the Halkevi Community Centre, in Stoke Newington, north London, in 1991. Mr Bozkint suffered a broken nose and Mr Ates a black eye and housed hip. Charges against the men later collapsed. A jury at Central London County Court found police officers at Stoke Newington guilty of using excessive force, faise impresonment and malicious prosecution after a six day trial Both men had been granted political asylum after fleeing police persecution in Turkey for their left wing views. Police are appealing against the award.

Allogi action was settled by two MPs. Clare Short,
Allabour's transport spokeswoman, and Keven
McNamara, a former party spokesman on Northern
Ireland, accepted damages and legal costs in settlement of
a libel action against Stuart Sexton, the Conservative candidate at the North Down by-election in June last year, Paul Megarity, chairman of the North Down Conservative Association, and the Guardian over a press release claiming they were well known for their support of Sinn Fein/IRA and a united republican Ireland. The defendants arknowledged both MPs had never supported the IRA or any party promoting terrorism. Putricia Wynn Davies

The aftermath of the Dunblane tragedy could cost
Stirling Council more than £3m, it emerged. The council
has made a formal submission to the Scottish Office for help with the bill as officials fear that if the Government fails to pick up the tab it will have a "considerable impact" on coincil laxpayers in the region.

Thin Coll, chairman of Stirling's resources committee,

said: This is money that is being well spent so that the people of Dunblane receive the help and support they need to get them through this terrible time." The highest cost at 1928 177 is for social work services, including a 24 hour counselling service. The police bill stands at £555,000.

Dritish Gas has pald nearly £8.5m in compensation to 400 women who were forced to retire at 60. After 10 years of ingation ending in the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, the former employees, who were made to heave the company in the late 70s onwards, received an average £23,000 each in out-of-court settlements with individual automats ranging from £1,000 to £59,000 All individual automats ranging from £1,000 to £59,000 All individual for the same colleagues.

chemistry's parliament voted to legalise abortion by a comortion of the decision, after eight bounded. emotional debate over two days, ends an 86-year-old like that made abortion punishable by life imprisonment. the change abortion can be carried out up to the 12th

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Anger at release of Whitehall conman

CHRIS BLACKHURST

A former civil servant jailed for the biggest single fraud by a Whitehall official when he accepted £1.3m in hribes has been freed despite refusing to obey a judges' order to repay most of the money.

The Labour Party has react-

ed furiously to the release of Gordon Foxley, a former Ministry of Defence official who was sentenced to four years in prison in in May 1994 for accepting hribes from overseas munitions manufacturers in return for orders. Passing sentence, Judge Brooks ordered that Mr Foxley should be sentenced to an extra three years if he failed to repay £1.5m within 18 months of going to prison, a figure based on the assumption that the real size of the hribes he accepted was much higher than that given in

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, who comained at the time about the leniency of Mr Foxley's sentence. has now written to Sir Nicholas



hundreds of jobs

Lyell, the Attorney-General. protesting at his swift release. The Crown Prosecution Service confirmed yesterday that Mr Foxley had been asked to pay the money and had re-fused. "We did ask him and he has not paid it," said a CPS spokeswoman. The Parole Board had decided to release

Mr Foxley, 71, the worst ever example of a civil servant taking bribes, is now back at his luxury home in Henley-on-Thames, while the CPS applies to the courts for a receiver to be appointed to seize his assets. A court hearing is scheduled for

Mr Foxley, she said.

the end of July.

Any court order, though, is likely to be confined to his cash and property in this country. Mr Foxley has previously been accused by the MoD police who investigated him, of having squirreled away his hribes cash in secret bank ac-counts in Switzerland. The MoD police have repeatedly complained of being frustrated by the Swiss autorities in their efforts to penetrate the ac-

The full extent of his activities may never be known. As a civil servant his salary was £25,000 a year but police found evidence of at least £3.8m passing through his bank accounts.

The anger of Mr Straw, who demanded an explanation from Sir Nicholas, is heightened by the fact he is MP for Blackburn. Trade unions at the Royal Ordnance armoments factory in the town claimed that Foxley's corruption had cost the town hundreds of jobs.

Government embarrassment over his release was heightened by the release of a full confession and apology from Raufoss, one of the firms that paid him backhanders. The statement from Raufoss in Norway, said he received "commission" through a Swiss company. The payments covered the period vhen he was still working as the chief of MoD ammunition pro-

curement. "Raufoss declares unequivocally that it should not have made commission payments on MoD contracts," said the statement. The company apologised unreservedly to the MoD, said it deeply regretted the embarrassment caused and has agreed to compensize the government.

Since the case, the three firms have been blacklisted from receiving new MoD or-

In a Parliamentary answer yesterday, James Arbuthnot, junior defence minister, said that following the agreement with Raufoss, normal commercial relations would be restored. Negotiations with the other two companies, added Mr Arbuthnot, were still convinuing. The minister's answer infu-

riated Labour, for whom David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said: "The company's statement is but cold comfort for the thousands of defence



Flight of fancy: Pilot Ken Snell waving to ground staff at Biggin Hill air base in Kent before a practice flight of the replica Vickers Vimy bomber, which will be the main attraction at this weekend's Biggin Hill air show Photograph: Glynn Griffiths

Child-killer report attacked

GLENDA COOPER

A report into the psychiatric care of Shaun Armstrong who murdered three-year-old Rosie Palmer is a "whitewash", her mother said yesterday.

The care given to Armstrong was "inadequate" and full of shortcomings, but his actions "could not have been predicted an independent inquiry presented to Tees Health Authority concluded.

It is almost two years since Rosie Palmer's body was found in Shaun Armstrong's flat in Hartlepool. Armstrong was jailed for life last July after admitting murder.

It emerged that a year before the murder, a senior social worker had warned: "Arm-

strong is likely to be a risk to any in 14 months - was "further child he comes into contact The report also disclosed

that Armstrong had been accused of abusing three other children, had himself been sexually abused as a child, was the faced was whether Rosie's murproduct of an incestuous relationship and in turn had an incestuous relationship with his mother, had a violent past, and had drink and drugs problems. Psychiatric reports prepared for the Crown Court diagnosed him as suffering from a per-sonality disorder.

Armstrong's initial clinical history at Hartlepool Hospital was full of shortcomings said the inquiry and his subsequent admissions to hospital - five with-

compromised by reliance on the initial inadequate clinical his-

tory".

The main question the inquiry team, chaired by Clyde Freeman, a Darlington solicitor, der could have been prevented if Armstrong had been treated differently by the various agen-The team conclude there

was some inadequacies in care, but believe even if those inadequacies had not existed Armstrong's behaviour - and therefore the risk to others could not have been predicted.

But Mrs Palmer said she could not accept that Armstrong's actions were unavoidable: "I will never trust the au-thorities again. We all live in to-If the IRA plants a bomb,

they are responsible. If somebody like Armstrong is given a home in a community, it is the responsibility of the authority. Authority Tom O'Connor said

some recommendations had already been implemented and a review of the Care Programme Approach at Hartlepool had been carried out jointly by Tees Health Authority and social services. "An action plan - part of which will be to devise a programme of further audits in or-der to continually improve the quality of CPA - is being drawn up to address the findings.

PM sets up child-abuse inquiry

REBECCA FOWLER

The Prime Minister vesterday set up a national inquiry into the widespread abuse in Britain's children's homes, claiming that he was "personally horrified" by the experiences of hundreds of young people who grew up After a Cabinet meeting in

which ministers discussed the plight of children who had been sexually and physically abused. John Major announced that Sir William Utting, a former chief inspector of the Social Services Inspectorate, would investigate safeguards to protect children. Mr Major said: "Children in

evidently among the most vulnerable members of our society. The Welsh Secretary and the Health Secretary have been considering what action to take, and we agreed their proposals

his morning."

A separate inquiry will investigate the widespread abuses in homes in North Wales, where at least 200 children lived under the shadow of paedophiles, and 12 former residents committed suicide following their experiences.

Both inquiries follow a campaign by the Independent into the scandal in Britain's homes,

posing networks of paedophiles. The appointment of Sir William had a mixed reception among childcare experts, who welcomed it, and former homes residents, who were concerned that the inquiry should be as in-

dependent as possible. Sir William conducted a general report into childcare in homes in 1991. He is also chairman of the Institute for Social Work, which has campaigned for an improved system in the face of recent scandals includ-ing the largest investigation yet in Cheshire where more than 300 children were abused.

Daphne Statham, director

tegrity and is committed to in-volving young people and get-ting their views. He has a very clear concept of the rights of young people in public care."

However, Zak Savio, 26, who
was abused as a child in homes

in North Wales, said: "I'm worried it's a conflict of interest to have someone who was an inspector of social services. Why couldn't they have chosen a barrister, someone who had the expertise but was separate?"

The inquiries will be overseen by Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health, and William Hague, Secretary of State for Wales. They will appoint a

of pregnancy, provided two doctors approve. Philip In THE INDEPENDENT ABROAD Sch40 M7ands R5.00 OVERSELS SUBSCRIPTIONS Belgum SF:80 haly14.500 Ar mai, 13 weeks. Europe £110.76; Zone 1 Middle Canaries Por300 Meders . . . Esc325 East, America, Alfron and India) £184.08; Zoné 2 (Re

Tomorrow's world: A new exhibition celebrates the great predictions of celluloid

We have seen the future - and it works (mostly)

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

From life on Mars to peevish robots, film-makers have been predicting the future for a century. In a surprising number of instances they got it right, an exhibition opening today

Image-ine, at the Museum of accuracy. The 1909 film The the Moving Image on Lon-Airship Destroyer offered a charles South Bank, looks at how chilling insight into the kind of film-makers of the past not only visualised the future, but in some cases helped make it

happen.
Philip Strick, who is writing an encyclopedia of science fiction film and acted as an adviser for the exhibition, said many scientific advances had been foreshadowed on film long before they were invented.

artificial intelligence. In The Phantom Empire, a film serial made in the late 1930s, there was a tin man," he said.

Films made about 1910 had people going into botels which food is provided mechanically. "Now, of course, if you have enough money you can have your own home doing the work for you at a verbal command. Lights will switch on, the television will come on when you

Other examples predicted the closer future with uncanny chilling insight into the kind of destruction Britain would endure in the First World War.

tell it to."

Shots showed balloons, diriibles and aircraft crowding the air over the capital and dropping bombs (admittedly heaved overboard manually) on vehicles below, including a

Georges Melies in 1903, pre-Even in the first 10 years of dicted Neil Armstrong's moon cinema you can spot ideas about landing of 66 years before it actually took place. Less than 10 minutes long, Trip To The Moon showed a rocket being fired off by a cannon and landing on the moon's surface.

Out poured warmly-dressed were entirely self-operating. explorers who investigated the Everything is done mechanically: life forms they found - an en-









Fiction into fact: Scenes from Things to Come (top, and above centre), which foreshadowed the rise of Fascism, Blade mbiguities of human and android existence (left) and the workers' nightmare, Metropolis (right)

cruited from the Folies Bergcres. Attempts at realism fell entists returned to earth using only the forces of gravity.

Later films such as Destina-1950s also showed men being Everything is done mechanically. life forms they found - an enfired by rockets to the moon. and the Second World War, also has gimmicks like umbrelformer and not know if
ight is turned on mechanically, ergetic group of dancers reSuch was their popularity that while reality is still catching up las with illuminated handles were human or artificial."

they acted as a kind of marketing tool for the scientists in Bladerunner, made in 1982, Mr the space race - and even, some argue, helped the reality

Another well-known film tion Moon by George Pal in the from 1936, Things To Come, foreshadowed the rise of fascism

with a far more modern film, Strick points out.

"One example is the stark look of the city, and another is the portrayal of a society almost dominated by Eurasian and Far Eastern interests. The film

which people carry around to

notion that sophisticated machinery will eventually reach the point where we are unable to tell robots from real people. You could watch a nightclub per-former and not know if they

Last but not least, there is Star Trek, which has long shown Captain Kirk and his team casually passing through remotely-operated doors, ex-

amining holograms and chatting by the equivalent of the video The exhibition ends October

Cream raises hopes for impotent

GLENDA COOPER

Men suffering from impotence could fare better by rubbine in barking on a course of painful injections, according to the latest research which is published in the British Medical

A trial of the new cream which contains a cocktail of drugs that dilate the blood vessels, has been successful in 66 per cent of cases.

Stutistics released in the UK last year, based on a survey of 2,000 men, claimed that 26 per cent of the UK adult male population have experienced impotence to some degree, that 5 per cent of men are impotent all or most of the time and that within any two-week period in the UK, 2.3 million men suffer from erectile dys-

But, at present, the most common way of dealing with impotence is to use vaso-active drugs. These are given vin injections, which may be stressful for the patient and

have unpleasant side-effects. The double-blind trial, carried out in Egypt, invulved 36 impotent men with an overage age of 48 who had suffered impotence for more than three

There were varying reosons given by the men for being mable to sustain an erection. including diobetes, high blood pressure, anxiety and depres-

The men were given the active cream - which contains aminophylline, co-dergocrine and isosorbide dinitrate - for one week and a placebo for the following week. Erectile response, the patient's satisfaction and any side-effects were investigated.

The active cream increased blood flow to the penis ond induced erections.

Twenty five patients reported spontaneous erections dur-ing the week in which they were treated with the active cream and more than half reported successful intercourse compared to three who used the

The treatment worked particularly well in men whose impotence had a psychological component. None of the patients reported side-effects such as headaches, dizziness or plaints from their partner.

The author, Professor Adel Gomaa, professor of pharmacology at Assiut University Egypt, concluded: "Even though more studies are needed, treatment of impotence with a cream ... might be considered before the intracavernous injection of vaso-active

Ecstasy users 'risking long-term brain damage'

GLENDA COOPER

Jeers of the rave drug ecsti rere risking long-term brain. lamage, according to two experts in the British Medical 'ournal who argue the drug

While there has been much sublicity about the poisoning efects of ecstasy, following events uch as the death of 18-year-old
eah Betts, the long-term daners have largely been ignored.

as MDMA, produces a
cuphoric rush with feelings of
exhilaration and the ability to

Goodwin, of the MRC Brain Metabolism Unit, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, believe the drug's permanent psychiatric effects are potentially more

damaging than its toxicity. The drug, otherwise known

An estimated 500,000 people take ecstasy in Britain every week but only a small number of people have died - about 50 in Britain since the late 1980s.

The Home Office believes that 10 per cent of 14 to 19-yearolds have experimented with the

The question of long-term yet exists that regular users of drug before, found "profound"

Green, from the Astra Neuro- is that body temperature can been a controversial one. But the studies that have been per- the brain which were confirmed appear only in several years' rodents and monkeys have shown that mild doses of the drug caused long-term destruction of nerve cells in the brain concerned with the release of a mood-altering chemical. serotonin. Even when the destroyed nerve cells regrew, they

did so in an abnormal way. "No unequivocal evidence

But Professor Richard dance for hours. The downside damage from using ecstasy has ecstasy have brain damage but and "permanent" effects on such as major depression will assurance", the professors said.

One study found that 30 regular users of ecstasy have lower concentrations of serotonin in brain spinal fluid, similar to the effects seen in monkeys.

Another study in the US, carried out for the Food and Drug Administration on 18 human volunteers who had taken the

Since serotonin played a major part in mood control, regular ecstasy users might be expected to have psychiatric problems - and there were case

reports to support this. "What is of great concern is the possibility that the neurotoxicity in humans might be slow and insidious, and that problems

recent editorial argued against legalising ecstasy because of the problems of acute toxicity. To this we add that no one should seriously consider legalising a compound that can be shown to cause long-term neurodegeneration in rodents and primates at doses that differ little from those used recreationally by



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Held to ransom: Government furious at being forced to retreat on hospital closure as MPs put constituency before party

Pork-barrel politics come to Britain

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

The Government last night reacted with fury after being caught in the act of reversing a local hospital closure hours after Tory MPs threatened to deprive John Major of his

Commons majority.
The two Tory MPs, Hugh
Dykes and John Gorst, were given an angry dressing down by Alistair Goodlad, the Chiel Whip, after they pursued their constituency interest to the point of threatening to withdraw support from the Government if they did not get their way.

The threat, described by a member of the Government last night as a blatant example of "pork harrel polities", came to light when it became clear that Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, had decided to allow the former accident and emergency unit at Edgware General Hospital to stay open as a casualty unity with 24-hour

The fury of ministers from John Major down was compounded when it emerged that at least one of the MPs had let it be known before the decision was taken that he had threatened to withdraw support from the Government if a solution to

There were accusations of "blackmail" from fellow MPs at a tense meeting of the 1922 Committee of Tory backbenchers last night in the wake of noisy exchanges between Mr. Goodlad and the two MPs.

the controversy was not found.

Mr Goodlad accused the two men of "breathtaking naivety" after summoning them to his office, and of violating the principle that MPs may not threaten a government with a fragile minority for the sake of a simple constituency issue.

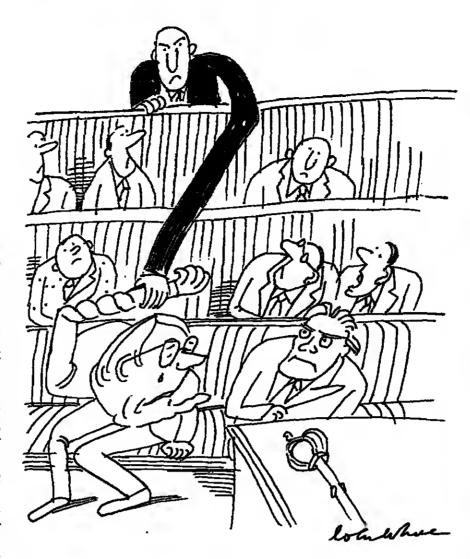
At the same time, Mr Goodlad accused the two MPs of breaking an explicit undertaking to Mr Dorrell of confidentiality in discussions on the future of the Edgware unit.

lad's rehuke was that other MPs should not think they would get away with applying similar pressure.

The main point of dispute within the Tory party last night over the saga was whether the decision was taken in response to the letter from the two MPs threatening non-cooperation.

Mr Dorrell was adamant yesterday that while the details of a decision to allow a 24-hour easualty unit with medical backup were finalised on Tuesday, the day he and the Chief Whip received the threatening letter from the two MPs, there was no question of him doing so under pressure from the letter.

The Health Secretary said that after a series of meetings culminating with one with total MPs and campaigners last Wednesday he had let Mr Gorst know on Monday night, during a commons division, that he would be focussing on the issue the following day. Mr Dorrell insisted the MPs' letter was



Billion-dollar bill for private 'pork'

RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

It is as old as time, and as ineradicable as sin. It costs US taxpayers anything from \$10bn (£6.5bn) to \$100bn (£65bn) a year, depending on how it is defined. It is "pork", unnecessary spending to humour a Coogressman or Senator, paid from the central federal budget.

Pork is the business of the other, secret Congress: not the place of the wordy, self-promoting politicians whose favourite prop is a television camera, but of arcane backroom committee rooms, where special interests are accommodated, votes bought and deals struck.

The term has been part of America's political vocabulary at least since 1870. It embraces items in appropriations Bills in state, city as well as federal budgets - which are targeted to local ends. The pork-barrel's bounty ranges from the absurd (\$5m for research into Belgian endives, or \$65m for a museum of old trains in Scranton, Pennsylvania) to the colossal (B-2 bombers and Seawolf nuclear submarines at \$2bn apiece). Now this should be a bad time for pork; scarcely a week pass-es without the White House or Congress issuing a plan to balance the federal budget, while so outraged are Republican ways count on the vote of Paul."

US EXPERIENCE

deficit hawks by Washington's feckless ways that they want to eliminate entire departments of

Government. Behind the noble words. everyone is an accomplice. For members of Congress, securing pork is the best way of showing voters back home they are delivering the goods. Both Republicans and Democrats go along. The White House too plays the game, promising favours to powerful interest

Civil war link

The term pork barrel politics derives from the pre-civil war ustom of penodically distributing barrels of salt pork to slaves, who would each rush to grab the largest possible amount.

groups, or key states in the electoral college.

Pork indeed has its defenders. Without it, this camp insists. compromise could never be reached in a Congress where party discipline is minimal compared to Britain.

But as George Bernard Shaw noted: "A Government which

Blackmail or democracy in action?

JAMES CUSICK

The Greeks used to say that the gods themselves were moved by gifts, and that gold did far more than words. But John Major can forget the advice of Euripides, for the Prime Minister will now be looking at giving away hosnitals, some new roads, more underground trains, the odd airport, and a few carefully placed new fire engines if he wants to continue in power.

The cries of "blackmail" and 'ransom" increased yesterday as details of the deal between the two Tory MPs and the Secretary of State for Health, Slephen Dorrell, emerged, but one parliamentary diarist, the Right Honourable Tony Benn tried:

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"This is not blackmail ... this is democracy in action."

As part of the last Labour government in 1979, Mr Benn will have been aware of the similar deals that confronted a Labour minority government desperately clinging to power. Labour's whips struggled to keep, one former whip recalled,

"the malcontents" happy.
The Callaghan administration
got used to hanging on with the
help of the SDLP in Northern Ireland. And, initially, the Weish Nationalists came to Callaghan's assistance. They wanted compensation for former miners suffering from

to them in return for votes. The gift train was now running.

Gerry Fitt, now Lord Fitt, was one of the two SDLP MPs that generally voted with Labour. He disliked the hard-line tactics of the then Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Roy Mason. The SDLP also wanted a gas pipeline for Ulster. Mr Mason would not be moved, and there was no decision on a pipeline.

When the opportunity arose,

Gerry Fitt and Frank White voted with the opposition parties, and the Thatcher years began. Whether those Tory MPs who are currently threatening to vote against the Government will do so, and whether, like Gerry Fitt, they walk

pneumoconiosis. Labour gave through a voting door with tears in their eyes, is yet to be determined. But at the moment, according to sources, Mr Major may need reminding that any conscience bought once,

might need to be bought twice.

However there is one other real problem. One political analyst in Westminster said: "In many marginal Tory constituencies the sitting MPs don't have anything to barter with. Maybe there is no hospital under threat, no new road to complain about. And if there is bloody nothing there, then they will be bloody sweating."
But as Mr Benn believes, all

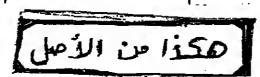
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Levi's £500m bonus aims to keep staff riveted with joy

and ROGER TRAPP

At 2pm yesterday the world-wide boss of Levi Strauss, Boh Haas, informed his 1,600 United Kingdom employees of a "wonderful

plan" to reward them. Mr Haas was speaking from San Francisco via a pre-recorded video to his staff in Scotland and Northampton, but his scheme was even more revolutionary: To pay each of them a

bonus of a year's salary. Staff at first were nonplussed "At first I thought 'why?" said warehouse packer Dave Sangster, an employee for only six months who stands to gain £11,000. "But then 1 realised there was no catch. I'm pretty

The plan, which flies in the face of "downsizing" and talk of leaner and fitter workplaces, involves all 37,000 permanent staff

at the end of 2001. The only qualifications for the millenniim package are that employees have to work for at least three years from now and that the cans company reaches its goal of a \$7.6bn (£5hn) cashflow.

The payment is based on salaries on 17 April this year and those who leave after three vears will still be paid a pro-rata amount of the bonus. If the target is exceeded they could earn even more.

At the company's distribution centre at Moulton Park near Northamptoo a 60ft marquee was erected to announce the news, and the 190 workers were treated to jugglers, mime artists and a jazz band as they signed certificates of participation.

The scheme, thought to be the first of its kind in the world, is regarded by the firm as a re-

is regarded by the firm as a re-ward for hard work and an incentive for more profitability in the future. Janie Ligon, its UK

vated employees are our source of innovation and competitive advantage. We are not a charity. If we achieve our target then we will be more profitable and will share in this with our

The £500m cash bonus is the latest in a series of steps taken by Mr Haas, the chief executive, in his effort to transform his family company. The great-great-grand-nephew of the avarian immigrant who founded the company, took over in 1984, when the glory period of the 1970s had come to an end. Recession, the baby-boom generation's lack of interest in tra-

ditional jeans and the advent of low-cost competitors had put the management into a quandary. Though the bonus scheme is evidence of Mr Haas's continucd commitment to the company's employees, it was not

the number of product lines by two-thirds and between 1981 and 1986 shed 17,000 people on the back of shutting 59 factories and service facilities.

But this trimming down of operations and of hierarchy has given the organisation a focus that Mr Haas and his executives have built on since taking the company private via a lever-aged huyout in 1985. The com-pany has performed so strongly that the debt has been paid back and the organisation valued at \$13bn. World-wide sales last

year were \$6.7bn. At a time when many organisations set out visions and mission statements. Mr Haas has fought to make the company live up to the ideals set out in its "aspiration statement". Specifically, its leaders must ahide by very high ethical standards, value diversity in such aralways that way. Between 1984

eas as age, sex and race; push

isation; show recognition for good performance and make a commitment to helping people

learn and develop. Financial analyst Shirley Hill, 40, who has been with the firm for 13 years and who will pick up a homes of £22,000 said the news did not come as a huge surprise. "It's the sort of thing you almost come to expect fram Levi's. It's a good feeling to be wanted by a company.

Reaction was equally positive in the three Scuttish manufacturing plants in Bellshill, Dundee and Whithurn.

Des Farrell, national officer of the GMB general union, said: "It is great news for the workers and can only help the success of this commany. Levi Strauss have taken a giant leap into the next millennium by rewarding their workers. They will sec recurd -hreaking returns in productivity and loyalty.

Bright as a button: The millennium package deal will see staff being paid a year's bonus selary Caring and sharing boosts firms' profits

ROGER TRAPP

Rare as it might seem, other enlightened companies have also shown that generosity to staff can help enhance profits. Marks & Spencer, which recently consolidated its position as Britain's leading retailer with a strong rise in profits to nearly £1hn, has long had a reputation for looking after its staff and rewarding them well. The patrician at-mosphere has receded a little receotly, but it still has extensive beoefits, including a noncontributory pension scheme, various profit share and bonus schemes and comprehensive health care for the 54,000 UK

JOHN LEWIS PARTNERSHIP p

7 The department store group the Iohn Lewis Partnership has - as its name suggests - long in-Vivolved its employees in the success of the company. Staff, who receive permaneot contracts, nave eojoyed a share of the profits since the 1920s, wheo spedan Lewis hegan the process of transferring ownerhip of the busioess he inherited from his father to the

In the 1980s, the profit share assed the 20 per cent level beore slipping below double figares in the early 1990s. Last ear, the 35,000 partners in ohn Lewis, Peter Jones and Vaitrose shops around the ountry shared in a total boous f £57m, about half the amount oft in profits after tax.

Each person - from the hairman to clerks - received 15 er cent of their salaries. quivalent to nearly eight recks' pay.

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a the United States, the eleconics company Hewlett-ackard has attributed its ontinual growth over more ian half a century to trusting s employees and giving them share of the organisation's

Started in what is oow known s Silicon Valley shortly before ic Second World War, it still icks to the credo of founders ill Hewlett and Dave Packard nat employees "come to work mainly charities, says the do a good job, not to screw guiding rule is still "four hugs p". From its early days, it has

operated a bonus scheme, or profit share, under which all employees around the world receive a share of the profits

every six months. Last month, the pay-out to the more than 100,000 employees was 12.8 per cent, though the hasis of the scheme is under review because falling costs are likely to make the amounts paid unrealistic.

The Brazilian manager of Semco, Ricardo Semler, stunned the business world three years ago, wheo he published a book Maverick, in which he explained how he had transformed his ailing family-owned manufacturer of pumps, mixers and other industrial equipment by turning the organisation's hi-erarchy upside down.

Employees set their own hours and, in some cases, their own salaries and everyone - from senior executives to messengers - has access to financial information. In the decade and a ball since Semler took over Semco from his father, sales have increased by more than sixfold and profits have riseo 500 per cent.



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Britain is reduced to 16th in world league

COLIN BROWN

Chief Political Correspondent

John Prescott yesterday accused the Government of presiding over "17 wasted years" after the deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, unveiled a White Paper on competitiveness confirming that Britain had slipped from 15 to 16 in the world league since the

The centrepiece was the proposal to boost education and

vealed last week in the Inde-pendent. Mr Heseltine promised a White Paper on self-govern-ment in schools with legislation on discipline in the autumn. John Redwood, former Sec-

retary of State for Wales and leading right-winger on the Tory backbenches, urged the Government to go further. He called for whole class teaching. more learning of tables, and a reversion to traditional methods of teaching, Today Mr Red-wood, leader of the Conservatraining for those over-16, re- tive 2000 Foundation, will

Michael Heseltine launches White Paper designed to create enterprise centre of Europe

challenge the Labour leader Tony Blair to co-sign a letter to the 10 worst-performing education authorities drawing their attention to the problems of nu-

meracy and literacy.
The White Paper - creating the enterprise centre of Europe -also contained proposals to cut red tape on business, and persuade firms to pay bills on

time, but it took all Mr Heseltine's presentational skills to avoid embarrassment in the Commons. He told colleagues when he ordered the audit of would "take it on the chin". He was privately advised against publishing some of the details,

but yesterday his bullish per-

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said. The number passing at Alevel had risen from 30 per cent

to 44 per cent in the same pe-

riod and the number of 18-year-

olds in education and training

had risen from 45 per cent to 60

She admitted that there were

areas where Britain needed to

improve its performance, how-

ever, and promised initiatives to

increase both A-level passes

and levels of literacy and

crucial to our competitiveness. We have a major programme of

"Education and training is

per cent.

numeracy.

Churchill," he said.

the fact that Britain still lags behind the rest of the world. Britain's position would have been two places lower in the league, but Mr Heseltine insisted that Singapore and Hong Kong, who were higher, could not be included in the table of world competitiveness because

although highly successful, they were not members of the Or-

ganisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Mr Prescott said the 230-page document was "faiter, and has

more pictures and more than a whiff of the forthcoming general election about it". The deputy leader of the Labour Party accused the Government of

managing decline.

Mr Heseltine put the best gloss on the report, insisting that it showed the decline in Britain's position had been arrested after the Tories came 10

and 1993, Britain grew faster than any of the G7 countries apart from Japan.

"We have the highest level of inward investment as a proportion of GDP of any developed country - we attract over a third of all the inward investment into Europe. It is the biggest vote of confidence we could have," Mr Heseltine said.

But there was laughter in the Commons when he said Britain's relative position ac-cording to the OECD figures had gone from 15 to 16 over the

past 17 years, not down to 11hin the league table. Mr Prescott shouted "forging ahead" - the name of an earlier White Paper

news

on competitiveness. Behind the White Paper. however, there are battles over the action needed to improve education and training, which promises to be a key battle ground at the election. Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education, announced proposals 10 reform teacher training and promote self-improvement

Small firms' fury over debt blame PATRICK TOOHER SMALL BUSINESSES

The Government yesterday angered small companies by claiming they were to blame for

not getting paid on time. Rejecting calls to introduce laws that would give firms the right to claim interest on overdue bills, Richard Page, the min-ister for small business, said: 'Small companies are so delighted about winning an order they forget about getting paid."

His remarks came as the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, unveiled a £200m package of support for small and medium business in his third Competitiveness

White Paper, including help for small firms to recover debts. Mr Page's comments were condemned by the Forum of Private Business, which speaks for 24,000 members, "It take a himd nerve to suggest small companies bring this on them-selves." said Dave Harrop. Dominant customers know full well they can get away with

not paying their bills on time." A survey by the Confedera-tion of British Industry found late payment is a problem for almost half of small and medium-sized businesses.

up to 90 days before being paid, causing cash-flow prob-lems, difficultles repaying bank loans and the collapse of up to 5,000 businesses a year. A Bill going through Parlia-ment gives contractors greater

protection. But Mr Page urged small firms to put their own house in order by improving credit management, to reduce the problem of late payment.
He cited recent research that found less than one-fifth of

smaller firms had a credit policy, two-fifths did not agree terms in writing before a sale and 83 per cent paid their sup-

shot to the top of the political agenda earlier this year following remarks by Mr Heseltine that as a small businessman he had been "quite skilful at string-ing along the creditors". Late payment, he said, was part of the

culture of British business. The Prime Minister, John Major, promised to look at ways of shaming late payers into settling debts on time. But the Government has stopped short of introducing a statutory right of interest, arguing that it would

legitimise late payment. Instead, companies are now obliged to state what their policy on late payment is.



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Heads down: Pupils studying in a Singapore classroom where, according to a government skills audit, they gain a higher level of literacy and numeracy skills than their British counterparts

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A Comment

Education Correspondent Britain's workforce is less litrate and less numerate than its nain competitors, figures com-

ive White Paper have revealed. However, workers here are nore likely to be educated to legree level than those in rance, Germany and Singa-A skills audit carried out by

overnment departments shows hat most multi-national comvanies think British workers mly have an adequate level of kill in mathematics, reading nd writing.
They rated those in France,

Jermany, Japan, Singapore nd the United States as better quipped in literacy, while all ountries except the US rated igher in numeracy. The document promises a

ew emphasis on basic skills as ell as a consultation on vouchrs for 16-19 education and a unther White Paper on selecon in schools. It is the third in series of initiatives to inrease Britain's performance in

per cent and Singapore 12 per cent.

comparison with its main com-It shows also that Britons are less likely than people in other

countries to have the equivalent of 5 GCSEs at grades A to C. They are less likely to have two A-levels than their counterparts in Germany, but are ahead of those in Singapore and the US and equal with France.

At degree level, the US is ahead of its competitors with 22 per cent of adults having completed a university course. In

cent by 1993.

so while France achieved a lev-el of 16 per cent, Germany 15 the audit did not reflect the improvements which had been

The paper also shows that the best-qualified British employees now earn proportionately are solutions. In 1995, more than two-thirds of young people achieved 5 or more GCSEs, compared with just over a half in 1000.

the Secretary of State for Edu-

Britain, 19 per cent have done cation and Employment, said

Illiterate workers slip to

the bottom of the class

Survey of partitionals.
(20 equals adequate, 40 equals good).
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least-qualified earn less. People with degrees earned 150 per

than they did in 1979, while the cent of the median male wage in 1993, compared with 148 per cent 15 years earlier. Those without qualifications earned 91 per cent of the median in 1979, but this had dropped to 81 per

Speaking at the launch of the White Paper, Gillian Shephard,

reforms in place to tackle well over a century's neglect of this country's skills needs," she said. David Blunkett, Labour's spokesman for education, accused the Government of failing to equip the nation with the skills it needed. "The Tories must own up and accept their responsibility for their failure, and stop trying to blame Gladstone and

Survey of 40 multi-netto Percentage of adults with five bigs grade GCSEs or equivalent:
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Percentage of adults with two A-levels or equivalent: Singapore 23, USA 29, UK 30, France 31, Germany 62.

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'Overuse' of remand is filling women's jails

Home Affairs Correspondent

Magistrates should stop remanding so many unconvicted women into the country's over-

stretched and under-resourced jails, the Chief Inspector of Prisons said yesterday. Sir David Ramsbotham called into question sentencing practice - which has produced a huge hike in the number of female prisoners - as he report-

ed on the turnaround in dreadful conditions at Holloway prison in north London. which had caused him to walk out in disgust last December, The once rat-intested squalid jail, where prisoners were locked up 23 hours a day, pregnant women were shackled while in labour and morale was at rock hottom, was now "decent" and

But he warned that there was still a long way to go and added "never again must Holloway or any other prison in the UK be country's jails were ill-prepared to deal with the special needs of allowed to sink into the situation that we then found".

According to Sir David, many of the jail's problems arose from its use as a remand centre for 240 courts around the country and half of its 500 inmates were unconvicted and often in on short-term, even overnight stays. He is said to want magis-trates to make greater use of bail hostels - many of which are now being under-used and closing.

"I wonder whether some of the people remanded by the courts should be here," he said yesterday. "I think it would be appropriate for the courts to tions to magistrates are right and whether magistrates are commutting people to prisoo who should be looked after working again. Sir David said.

somewhere cise." The Chief Inspector was particularly concerned that the

women - in particular their needs as mothers and the fact that many of them have been abused.

Yesterday prison reform groups confirmed the progress made at Holloway, hut they warned that budget cuts coupled with the spiralling prison pop-ulation - now at 54,764 - meant many of the problems which faced the jail six months were were in danger of being repeated across the country.

Paul Cavadino, chair of the Penal Affairs Consortium, said: "Prisons are having to cope with a rapidly rising population while making staff redundant. There is a real risk of other prisons being plunged into the same kind of mess that Holloway was in last December." Yesterday there were also

warnings that prison budget cuts and a burgeoning population were threatening drug-

Lady Runciman, chair of the criminal justice group on the Advisory Council of the Misuse of Drugs, said that much progress had been made in developing anti-drug and treatment policies for prisons: "But overcrowding and staff cuts are

jeopardising the whole prison strategy," she said.

The council's report confirmed that drug abuse was widespread with jails bot knocked down the suggestion that prisoners were "eotering as shoplifters and leaving as drug addicts". However the council had found that there were a "significant" minority - proba-bly less than 1 per cent of the prison population - who had inected drugs for the first time while in jail, thus increasing their risks of HIV and hepatitis. ☐ Drug Misusers and the Prison System; HMSO PO Box 276

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Bill likely to lengthen wait for divorce

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

Nine out of 10 couples with children will have to wait longer to get divorced under the Family Law Bill as it now stands, figures released yesterday by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show.

Its analysis of the length of time it took in 1994 to achieve a divorce injects fresh ammunition into the debate around the Government's Bill.

Far from making divorce quicker, the figures demonstrate that for most couples it will take longer. The figures came as the lat-

est statistics show that divorce fell again last year, down to 155,500, down from a peak of 165,000 in 1993.

The office insisted yesterday that the publication of its analy-

sis in Population Trends, just as involve about four in five havthe debate over divorce law re- ing to wait longer. form reaches a climax, was "purely coincidental". But Lord Mackay's supporters will seize on the numbers to reject the ed—the legal process of divorce. argument that he is making divorce quicker and easier.

In 1994, a year that is typical of recent years according to ONS, just over half of the 158,000 divorces were to couples with children under 16.

And two-thirds of all divorces were fault based - on grounds of adultery, unreasonable behaviour, or desertion rather than hecause of separa-

Couples with young children were more likely to use faultbased routes than separation, possibly because there are greater practical difficulties. But the 1994 figures show more than 40 per cent of divorces are made absolute within six months of a petition being filed and 80 per cent within a year. The average was six months where the husband sought divorce and seven months where

the wife was the petitioner. Under the Bill as it stands. couples who agree to divorce and have no children will have to wait 12 months. And where there are children under 16, the wait will be 18 months.

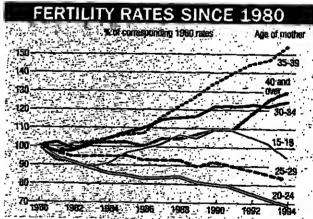
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As a result, John Haskey, an ONS statistician said, "about nine out of 10 couples with chil-dren under 16 will have a longer wait, and for other couples, the minimum 12-month period will

as opposed to the time people remain married after the mar-

riage has broken down.
But even if divorces granted
on two-years and five-years
separation are removed from the figures, 60 per cent of couples with children under 16, and just over half of other couples will wait longer than under the current system, Mr Haskey said. □Population Trends 84 (Summer 1996) HMSO £11.



One in five women set to be childless

Britain's population is set to fall for the first time since the Black Death as more women remain childless and family sizes stay small, the Office of National Statistics said yesterday, writes Nicholas Timmins.

The UK's fertility rate has been below the level needed for the natural replacement of the population for more than 20 years, Bob Armitage, a statistician with the ONS said.

Women are having children

Women are having children older, with fertility rates falling for women under 30 and rising for those above that age. The proportion of women who never have children has increased and looks set to rise further.

Of those born in 1944 only 10 per cent remained childless. For those born in 1949 the figure is 13 per cent. But for those born in the 1960s, the trends indicate that more than one in five are likely to remain childless, a proportion not seen since the first two decades of the

youth and left many women to live their lives out as spinsters. Many factors may explain the decision not to have chil-dren, Mr Armitage said, including women's greater access to education and employment

At present, births still exceed deaths each year because the baby boomers of the 1960s gen-eration are reaching peak childbearing age. But as they age, the smaller numbers born in the 1970s, when fertility fell and then stabilised, are likely to have fewer children overall - producing a population decline in around 2025 as those born in the post-war baby boom start to die in numbers.

Apart from a statistical hlip in 1983, it will be the first time the UK population has fallen in 600 years – since the Black Death in the mid-14th century. Italy, Spain, France and Ger-

many all have lower fertility rates than Britain, the first two war decimated the country's and Portugal being likely to enter population decline ahead of the UK.

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Bill likely lengthen w for divorce

Blood, gore and Bible in 90 minutes at Fringe

LOUISE JURY

More than 9,000 people will stage 14,060 performances of 1,238 shows in 187 venues to celebrate the half-century of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The more unpredictable sister to the International Festival of the arts takes over the city in Au-

It was claimed yesterday at the official launch of the Fringe programme that this year's event will be the largest arts festival in the world since records began. The organisers have calculated that buying a ticket for every show would cost £7,382.85 but since it would take more than 550 days to watch them all end to end without sleep, no one's bill will

be that high.
Hilary Strong, fringe director, described the 144-page programme as presenting an unrivalled selection of the world's greatest artists in comedy, dance, music, theatre and visual art." And she hoped it would continue the tradition of launching new careers, exploring ideas, pushing back boundaries and, possibly, simply shocking people,

shocking people.

The blood and violeoce quota will be raised by the first British stage performance of Queotin Tarrantino's cult film Reservoir Dogs and if the stomach has not been churned by the experience a three-course meal will be oo offer in the compa-

ny of Dr Faustus.

The complete story of the Bible is be told in 90 minutes, 30 dancers will do the first Scottish version of Riverdance, pay-ing tribute to William Wallace theatre groups for its sellers.

and Rob Roy, and a "site-spe-cific performance" will be staged

in a three-storey car park.
The writer Irvine Welsh's first play. Headstate, is being revived in the wake of his book/play/film success with *Trainspotting* while more mainstream revivals include the family musicals of Oklahama! and Oliver! and no fewer than three versions of The Little Shop of Horrors. Established favourites re-

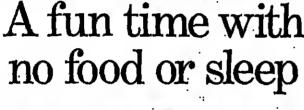
turning to Scotland will include the entertainer Jools Holland, the comedian Lee Evans and the anarchic French circus Archaos.

Perhaps appropriately, the Scottish play will be most per-formed, with six different versions of Macbeth. There will be four versions of Bouncers by John Godber, one the fringe's hardy annual contemporary writers, and three of Antigone, Hamlet and Tartuffe.

More than half of those tak-

ing part will come from England, just under a third from Scotland and others from as far away as Asia and Australia.

To encourage wider participation, Ms Strong yesterday announced three oew schemes for the three-week extravagan-za. Edinburgh's first circus school will offer 10- to 16-yearolds a role in a joint venture with the city council. The research and development arm of the National Theatre will leave Londoo to stage classes and workshops for actors, writers, directors and the general public in the Fringe Club. And the Big Issue newspaper for the home-less is hosting a series of events to raise money for music and



Erecting the six-tier seating was tough. The 5am dress rehearsal the day we were due to debate over why our allegedly flame-resistant black drapes caught fire when the brigade tested them with a match for safety reasons is unresolved.

Probably the biggest nightmare of three weeks as a student thespian on the Edinburgh Festrespian on the Edmourgh Pes-tival Fringe was sharing a two-bedroom flat at huge expense with 13 (or was it 15?) other people. A holiday it wasn't. The flat was an improve-

ment on original arrangements. In a moment of madness we had decided to cut costs and stay in our hall-turned-theatre next to a bus station in Leith.

The insanity of this living-onthe-job arrangement hecame clear on the first night. Even the allure of cheap food in the bus canteen paled as our suspi-cions grew that the incomprehensible bus-workers did not approve of a hunch of Oxford undergraduates.

But it was all part of the experience. Anyone going to perform oo the Fringe has to be mad if they think they will eat, sleep or make mooey.

You fly-post wheo oot performing, entertain at the strangest hours and adjourn to the Fringe Chub for the terror of reviews in the first-edition newspapers.

matter. My brief appearance in the limelight was fun.



Jury own days at the Fringe

The cost of hiring a venue and publicising and staging your shows is considerable. Unless a hig-name performer, your chances of an income from the venture are virtually nil.

Topping living expenses are the drinking and the tickets to the Polish state theatre and cutting-edge comedy. Renting accommodation is the final blow to the bank balance as canny Scots leave home for the mooth and charge the earth for the pleasure of your tenancy. Which was why I ended up sharing with 15 in a jumble of limbs, luggage and sleeping bags.
The shrewd survive. Choos-

ing a school exam set-text tends to boost attendance. We made Arthur Miller's The Crucible a (relative) hit. The financial triumph were 4pm readings from The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole with a cream tea, which drew legions of pareots desperate to silence their kids. Our acting was certainly less remunerative than our catering but it did oot

DAILY POEM

Llantysilio, overgrown

By Steve Griffiths

Under the rush of caravans on the Holyhead road and the thwack in the wind of the campers' polythene streaming and the hum of the scale-model traffic on the miraculous bridges with realistic water below, Tysilio's island hugs its cemetery to itself.

The graves are decked individually as if each decomposition had its flower. on dark slate, violet; the spindrift of the disappointed lips east from the cheekbone; and these delicate heavenly oncs, nodding at the mild Sunday air after a lifetime stamped in the gasping furrow.

A green-armed bramble lances the wind on a thousand tirry fronts for the unremembered improviser of hovels, for tillers and singers, the little stone-skimmers: a voice secreted over the mouths stained with their own juices in their made beds.

The Seren Press was established in the early 1980s by Cary Archard, with the help and encouragement of Dannie Abse, to give voice to Eoglish-language writers in Wales. Since then it has published the work of more than 40 poets, including RS Thomas, Glyn Jones, Duncan Bush and Sheenagh Pugh and has nurtured into being a recognisable "third generation" of Anglo-Welsh writers. Steve Griffiths's poetry appears in Burning the Bracken, a 15th-anniversary issue of Seren poetry edited by Amy Wack.



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yesterday in a rehearsal for their performance at the Hampton Court Festival, near London, tonight. Photograph: Laurie Lewis

Lottery cash 'to fund arts deficit'

DAVID LISTER

Lottery money may be used to pay off the deficits of theatre and opera companies, in a striking reverse of government policy. A consultative document entitled New Lottery Prorammes, to be issued by the Arts Council, confirms that from next April lottery money for the arts will cease to be spent solely oo buildings and equip-ment. In addition, it will be used to fund "commissions for new work, access to and participatioo in the arts and enhancing the creative abilities of young people in particular". Pilot

schemes begin in September. In the introduction to the document, Lord Gowrie, the Arts Council's chairman. describes the move to funding creative activity from the lottery as "probably the most significant change in the funding of the arts in Britain since the Arts Coun-cil was founded 50 years ago". The changes from the autumn may be more profound

off in one dramatic gesture, the time could be more valuably spent planning artistic events. In the consultative docu-ment, this scheme is described in slightly oblique terms as a "stabilisation programme".

Arts Council, in distributing lottery money, will also consider

allowing companies to use lottery funds to pay off their

deficits. In the past both the Treasury and succeeding min-

isters responsible for the arts

have refused to countenance giving special grants to pay off deficits, as it could encourage

profligacy.
But senior Arts Council of-

ficers believe companies spend

inordinate amounts of time planning how to reduce their deficits; and if they were paid

Lottery money is also likely to be used to ensure that all new arts buildings over a certain size have integrated broadcasting facilities and money will be channelled into British films with the emphasis on creating new distribution networks.

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Beef crisis: French scientists reveal results of monkey tests

BSE link with brain disease 'strengthened'

MARY DEJEVSKY and CHARLES ARTHUR

An experiment in which French scientists passed BSE to monkeys offers the strongest evidence yet that the disease caused 11 recent cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) in young Britons, according to a leading British researcher.

Dr James Irnnside, of the CJD Surveillance Unit in Edinburgh, said that the results of the rescarch - in which three macaque monkeys became ill after the BSE agent was injected into their brains - "strengthens the hypothesis" that there is a direct link between exposure to material infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy

(BSE) and the fatal brain disorder CJD.

The possibility of a link was first raised officially by Dr Ironside and his colleagues at the unit last March, after they identified an unusual variant of CJD which had affected 11 people under 42 in the past two years. The more common form of the disease usually affects people over 60. According to the French researchers, three years after the injection all three monkeys hegan to behave unusually, showing anxiety, nervousness and depression - the same symptoms as were identified in the 11 British CJD cases.

Macaques are the closest relative to man that BSE has

ously been passed to other monkeys. The French re-searchers said the experiment is "the first experimental evidence supporting a link be-tween BSE and the new form

of CID in man." Dr Ironside said that his examination of the monkeys' brains showed a number of changes which matched those in humans with the new CJD variant. "It is not absolutely identical. But it's interesting, and potentially important." He added, however, that the re-search "doesn't prove the link".

His comment was echoed by the French scientists, who took the unusual step of holding a press conference about their been passed to experimentally, although the disease has previ-

their paper, due in a formight in the science journal Nature.

Nature called their decision

"highly regrettable" but said it would not postpone publication. The scientists' decision to announce their results early may have been precipitated by the revelation yesterday that British companies had sold French farmers thousands of tons of animal feed that may have been contaminated with BSE after its sale was banned in Britain

Dr Ironside said that further research was required before a definite link can be demonstrated between the new CJD variant and BSE. But this may take up to 18 months to emerge through experiments now being carried out in Britain.

Binding deal is forlorn hope

SARAH HELM Brussels and JOHN LICHFIELD

Hopes of avoiding a hitter and damaging confrontation over beef at the European Union summit in Florence next week appeared to be fading last night.

A revised British five-point plan to solve the dispute will be discussed by EU veterinary experts in Brussels today. But officials said there was little chance of agreement on the detailed and virtually binding framework demanded by Britain for the gradual lifting of the ban on beef exports from the United Kingdom. The only hope of an agreement before Florence was a vague statement of intent, which could leave much of the ban in place for many months, even years.

The Government long ago abandoned hopes of achieving a specific timetable for lifting the ban in time for next Friday and Saturday's summit, Yesterday, officials conceded that even hopes of securing a general frame-work for a phased lifting were now fading. As long as "elements

The British plan to resolve the BSE dispute

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the deal itself could be concluded later, a British source said. In the meantime, there was no question of Britain abandoning its wholesale blocking of

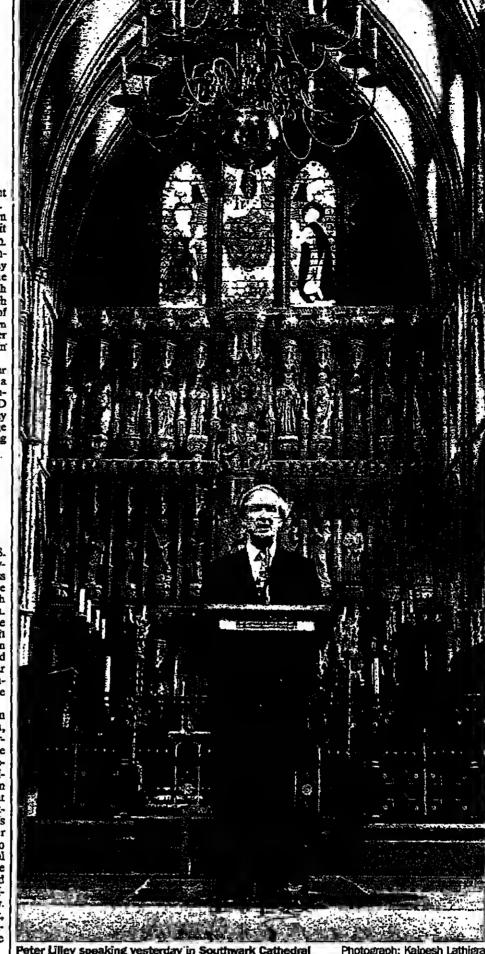
increasingly likely to fall victim to British "disruption". The Italian Prime Minister, Romano Prodi, who will chair the summit, had talks with John Major in Downing Street yesterday. Afterwards he said they had made "good progress", adding "You approach the moment in which you don't see the

can be the solution." He said: "We are making progress, but we are not there yet."

There is a wide divergence of opinion on what form a frame-EU husiness. In these circum-stances, the summit itself looks Britain wants something virtually binding on other coun-tries. Officials from several other governments say the most Mr Major can expect is a vague "piece of paper". Even that may be in doubt, given French outrage at the revelation that Britain had stepped up sales to France of animal feed contaminated with bovine spongiform of a deal are there at Florence", solution plan but you see what encephalopathy (BSE) after it

was banned in the UK in 1988. Britain is asking the other governments to agree to a process which would leave the ultimate power to peel away the ban with the European Commission. Once they had agreed the "framework" in five steps, it would be up to the commission to decide when Britain had met the requirements to trigger each stage. It would take a ma-jority of members to reject the commission's advice. There is an immense irony in

the Government's position, which is, in effect, Euro-federalist. It would give power to the commission to impose a settlement over the heads of individual member states. "When the commission is satisfied that a scientific basis exists for lifting another part of the ban it is imperative that a few member states should not be able to block it for national political reasons," Malcolm Rifland, the Foreign Secretary, explained to the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee on Wednesday. Is this, Brussels might ask the approach Britain will be content to adopt with all future



Lilley says more spent on disabled

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, yesterday pledged the Conservative commitment to help people in need and said more was being spent on the dis-

abled and pensioners. He reclaimed the moral high ground in the debate on low incomes, opportunity and welfare reform in a speech in Southwark Cathedral and said Tory policies offered the best help to people in need. He referred to a study showing that those who started with the lowest pay had seen the fastest rise in carnings under the Tories over the past 15 years. And he attacked Labour's "dangerous preoccupation with

Rejecting the view that there was a growing eross-party con-sensus on welfare reform, he said: "We have a duty tu help those unable to help themselves. But there remains a sharp divide between the parties in our approach to these issues, nur analysis, and our policies fur tackling need." Mr Lilley said the free mar-

ket was essentially positive and tility. "The ohligation of a government which believes in the free market is to help the helpless and enable the able." Mr Lilley pointed out that av-

erage incomes in Britain had risen not just compared to 1979 hut in comparison tu the position elsewhere in Europe.

"The vast majority of people in this country are better off now than their counterparts were in 1979. And far from falling behind other countries, the living standards of ordinary British people have been rising faster."

Chris Smith, Labour's social security spokesman, later attacked what he called the Government's "complete lack of new ideas for welfare reform".

He said: "Peter Lilley's promised vision for the future of the welfare state is nothing more than a bankrupt justification for his failures of the past,

"This speech reveals just how lacking in new ideas this government is when it comes to tackling the long overdue reonly did Mr Lilley fail w address the future of the welfare state, many of his remarks show a

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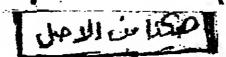
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Gaza fears the vengeance of Netanyahu

PATRICK COCKBURN

In Gaza, the autonomous but heleaguered Palestinian enclave, officials express deep anxiety about the intentions of the incoming Israeli govern-ment Hassan Asfour, director general of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation team negotiating with Israel, says. "If they do not respect the Oslo accords theo they will open the door to violence."

The most optimistic school of thought among Palestinian leaders holds that there is not much difference between a Labour and a Likud government. "Their motto is that a cat is a cat whether it is black or white," says a senior western diplomat. "They mean that Israeli governments behave the same towards Palestinians what-

ever party they belong to."

But the whole strategy of Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, was based on the belief that it matters a lot who holds power in Israel. He did everything he could to get Shimon Peres, the architect of the Oslo accords, re-elected on 29 May. "We used to negotiate with friends and now we must oegotiate with enemies," says one of Mr Arafat's senior lieutenants.

A crisis in relations between Mr Arafat and Binyamin "Bibi" Netanyahu could come quickly. Mr Netanyahu won the election because he promised Israeli voters more security for themselves and fewer concessions to Palestinians. No sooner was he elected, however, than Ami Ayalon, the head of the Shin Bet Israeli security agency, told him that "a good part of the Shin Bet's recent accomplishments were based oo co-operation with the Palestinian security services."

The meeting between Mr Ayalon and Mr Netanyahu was leaked to Zeev Schiff, columnist for the daily Ha'aretz, presumably by sources in the Shin Bet. It is important because it clearly states the Shin Bet view that Mr Arafat's support is essential to fight Hamas and Islamic Jiments, and he will not continue bombers in February and

Israel "are not fulfilled and are

failure at the polls. He does say,

however, that when Mr Peres

gave his consent to the assassi-

nation of Yahyah Ayyash, the

chief bomb maker of Hamas,

is there any way out of Mr Netanyahu's dilemma? He is in

no position to provide Israelis

with greater personal security without the co-operation of Mr

Arafat. But even the marginal contacts between his sides and

Palestinian leaders have created

anger on the right. For the

moment Mr Netanyahu looks

confident and in control. He

appears to have rejected the

idea of a national unity

Labour party. But perhaps he

and other Israelis should be concerned that the only Pales-

tinians pleased by his victory

belong to Islamic Jihad and

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Ayyash would be avenged".

eamrollered by us". But does Mr Netanyahu dare to carry through the Oslo accords? He has promised that he will make no concessions on Jerusalem, Palestinian statehood or the right of Israelis to settle in the West Bank. He says he does not want to meet Mr Arafat. The strength of the religious right in his coalition gives him little room for manocuvre. He has little to offer the Palestinians as an incentive to work with Israeli security to

prevent another suicide bomb.

The only area where Mr Netanyahu might offer concessions is in allowing Palestinians to work in Israel. Terje Larsen, the special co-ordinator for aid to Gaza and the West Bank, says Mr Arafat "will be able to pay salaries for June but not for July . Every 10,000 Palestinians allowed to work in Israel produces \$25m (£16m) in revenue for Mr Arafat's Palestinian Authority. By letting 150,000 Palestinians into Israel, Mr Netanyahu could end the economic crisis in Gaza and the West Bank

It is doubtful if the new government will do anything so radical. "Some Palestinians believe that Likud will lift the closure of Gaza," says Mr Asfour. "I have no such feeling," There is no evidence that not allowing Palestinian workers legally into Israel deters suicide bombers, none of whom had permission to be in Israel when they blew themselves up. But the closure makes Israelis feel more secure and is therefore likely to stay in place.

Not everybody in Gaza is so gloomy. Mahmoud Zahar, spokesman for Hamas, says that his organisation does not care if Likud or Labour wins the election. He is presumably calculating that Mr Acafat will have to relax his grip on Hamas. Mr Zahar says: "We did not expect Peres to win. He is a man of many failures. He is known as a man who hesitates.

Mr Zahar does not respond directly to the suggestion that



m, before works to widen a road. Few such mosaics have survived intact; the 18m by 10m design shows animals and their prey In vivid colours and, 1,600 years ago, would have covered the floor of a villa on the Gaza-Damascus trada route Photograph: David Silverman/Reute

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Parliament voted 111-43 in favour of Mr Samper will Liberal Party colleagues standing by him. Morn that the dozen of these are themselves under investigation by alleged inthe with drug cartels. Phil Davison—Missal

Bargladesh faces a hung parliament after poils:

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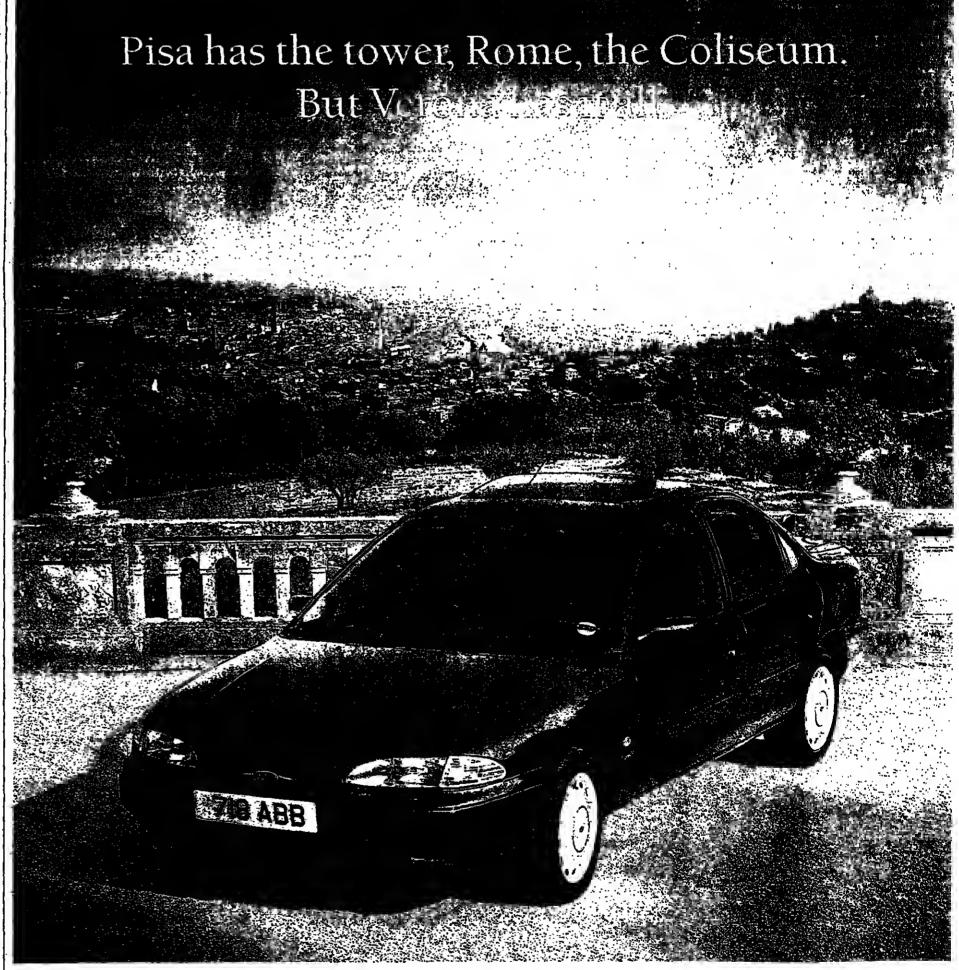
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Burnesse newspaper said British colorialists intent Acid subjugating Burma plotted the marriage of a Booth academic to the Burnesse democracy leader. Aung San Sur-Kyi. It was the latest selvo in the unitary regime?s escalating assualt against Ms Sun Kyi, who has brought new attention to the democracy intovenent in recent seeds by holding a congress of her political party and drawing larger crowds outside her home. Ms Sun Kyi, the daughter of Burness independence hero. General Aring San, is married to Michael Aris, a British professor. Bargish.—309

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Infallible attraction: Avignon, destination of many Parisians in the 'great departure'

Paris - It's that time of year again: summer is in the air and the "great departure" is almost upon us, when the citovens of Paris pile themselves, their children and their dogs into the family car and set off, hell for leather, down the motorway to seek the sun and the sea or the mountains.

As always, the police warn of the dangers they face: stagger your departure, they will say, stop for a rest every two hours, doo't drink alcohol and, above all, avoid the A6, the "motorway to the sun", which is the city's high-speed high-risk coo-duit to the Midi, except when it is jammed.

The authorities have done their best to encourage other routes: they signpost myriad al-ternatives along France's equivalent of A roads, they have completed a motorway out of Paris to the south-east, the A5, which links with the A6 farther south and they plan a similar road to the south-west. A motorway due south, the A75, is also finished bar the last stretch from the Cevennes to the sea. Yet Parisians stubbornly pre-

fer the A6 and I have a confession: I do too. It is not just straighter and wider than the alternatives but it supplies a con-

MOTORWAY DAYS

stant revelation of the geography and regional diversity of France, offering an ever-chang-ing backdrop that speeds the transitioo from butter-eating north to the olive-oil-drenched south and back again.

No sooner have you tired of the environs of Paris, its hypermarkets, suburban estates and low-flying planes from Orly, than you are approaching the dark layered forest of Fontainehleau. As the forest grows sparse, yoo are already kirting the Chahlis and entering the woods and fields of Burgundy, where billboards proudly illustrate the white Charollais beef cows that graze peaceably in the meadows and prepare for

From the higher ground of Burgundy a panorama opens out of the Morvan, a wild landscape of pastel colours and fierce weather. Past the mediacval market centre of Auxerre, the boly city and pilgrimage cen-tre of Vézelay appears on the signposts. The forests are now

fir: this is where Parisians get their Christmas trees. Once the turning to Dijon.

mellow stone capital of the Burgundiao dukes is past, the houses are sleeker and lower. Slate roofs give way to red tiles, hay and kale to vines. The rounded hills of Beaujolais rise to the west and the signs sug-

con, Fleurie, Julienas ... Almost before you have time to overtake noother lorry, you are on the threshold of Lyons, capital of Roman Gaul. Here, Parisians distinguish themselves for the second time.

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Having choseo the A6, they scorn the recent relief motorway, a long loop that seems to veer more to Geneva thao the Midi, and brave instead the tunoels that run beneath the city centre and emerge across the hlue-grev Rhone. So what, if we are caught once or twice in a jam? You feel you are passing a great city and heading ever

From Lyons, the Rhone is al-ways alongside; the names on the signboards are already lyrical, evoking the delights of the Midi: Vienne, Valence, Montelimar, Orange and finally Avignon, city of the popes. The

vines sweep to the road; the pines are of the Mediterranean umbrella variety, the stone is golden and the roofs are all

Before Avignon, the motor-way divides, and so do France's sun-seekers: to the east are the traditional and highly concentrated holiday grounds of the Cote d'Azur; to the right, the quieter, more rustic resorts of Languedoc-Roussillon, and the road to Spain.

Perhaps it is the visual distractions, perhaps a sense of purposeful solidarity that the Ao fosters, but the driving rarely seems as aggressive or harcbrained as oo the "N" roads. French lorries seem more patieot, French cars fast, but geoerally civil. Trouble, if it comes, invariably originates with a Spanish or Belgian number

And the A6 seems to appre-ciate its Parisions. To those reaching the end of their long journey north, it offers a small white sign with a line drawing of the Eiffel Tower and "50km" marked underneath. "Welcome hack, Parisians," it is saying in a reserved French way, "you're

Mary Dejevsky

Democracy hurts for Europe's new jobless

ADRIAN BRIDGE

Central Europe Correspondent

A banner held aloft by striking workers in the Polish city of Gdansk vesterday bore the simple slogan: "Commies. hands off the shipyard!"

It was a neat encapsulation of the irony of the situation. On the one hand, the strikers, under the umbrella of the Solidarity trade union, were claiming that the decision to close the yard was politically motivated: the latest dastardly deed of a govern-ment oow made up of the successors to the old Communist Party.

At the same time, despite the "hands-off" slogan, the pro-lesters, who called off their strike yesterday, are calling on the same government to bale the shipyard out of trouble. The irony has oot been lost

on Poland's rulers, whn have pointed out gleefully that the Gdansk workers are simply falling victim to the markel forces they unleashed. Indeed, as the Polish Prime Minister Włodzimierz Cimo szewicz himself pul it: "[Soli-

take money out of its pocket to save the shipyard. They do not seem to have noticed that something has changed in Poland." Last weekend's decision to force the shippard to file for atively unscathed, with unemhankruptcy underlines the

darity] wants the government to

of Poland and the other former Eastern bloc countries have had to adapt since 1989.

Under the old Comecon system, the Gdansk shipyard was one of the main producers of ships for the former Soviet Union, Similarly, the Bulgarians specialised in fork-lift trucks; the Slovaks produced tanks and Huogarians made huses. In return they received raw materials and energy supplies.

But wheo communism collapsed so, too, did the old way of doing business. "The Come-con market was totally artificial," says Henryka Bochniarz, head of the Warsaw-based Nicom consultancy firm and a former minister. "Goods were produced en masse for guaranleed markets with no regard for quality. But when those markets disappeared, oobody wanted to huy them."

In the aftermath of the change, most east European countries suffered dramatic falls in productivity, with slumps in gross domestie product averaging 15 to 20 per cent. Although lagging a little behind, unemployment rose soon afterwards: at its worst reaching more than 16 per cent in Poland and Skovakia and almost 14 per cent in Hungary. The Czech Republic has survived rel-

extent to which the economies 4.5 per cent, and now already down to just 2.7 per ceol.

For those thrown out of work, the reaction has been one of incomprehension - and hitterness, "As far as I am concerned, life has only got worse under democracy, said Edit Baranyai, a former clerk in a Hungarian textile factory that shut down in 1993. "Ordinary people like me have simply become poorer and weaker.

Like many Hungarians, Mrs Baranyai expressed her anger by helping to ensure victory for the former communists in the 1994 elections. Almost every other country in the region has witnessed a political backlash against the centre-right parties that were responsible for introducing market reforms. But while many feel they have lost out, there are plenty

who feel they have gained. Eva Kulikova, the owner of coffee shop oext to the Charles Bridge in Prague, is one of millions who have seized the new opportunities. "Under the old regime, I would never have been able to set up my own busioess," she said. "Now people-like me who are prepared to work had can reach a good stan-

Prague is pechaps the best example in the region of where the future is already working. With millions of tourists visiting each ployment at its worst reaching year, the city was bound lo un-

dergo an enormous expansion

of commercial activity. The main growth area in the Czech Republie has been in the service sectors: shops, banks, plumbers and the huodreds of small-scale enterprises that were stifled during the com-

According to the central statistics office, while 19 per cent of the country's gross domestic product was generated by the service sector in 1990, the corresponding figure for 1995 was 29 per cent.

"In the old days it was im-possible to find a taxi in the street or a decorator to come and do up your home," said Istvan Racz, a regional specialist for CS First Boston Bank in Budapest. "Now we only have to look in the Yellow Pages."

In Hungary, where the workforce is just under 4 million, there are oow estimated to be close to a million small entrepreneurs. But in addition to services, the country has also experienced expansion in pharmaceuticals and light industry.

"For people in work, jobs have become more demanding, hut salaries have improved," said Mr Racz. "Skilled people are finding their way in the new society. But the difference between rich and poor has become much more striking. Politically it would never have been tolerated 30 years ago."

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Montana Freemen close to deal

TIM CORNWELL Los Angeles

The American flag, flown defi-antly upside down for 81 days, was symbolically lowered vesterday at the Freemen ranch in eastern Montana, amid rising hopes of ao imminent surrender. But five minutes later, to the consternation of reporters squinting through binoculars, another unideotified flag was

What FBI agents had confidently predicted would be the last day of the longest siege in

US law enforcement history began with a morning of confusion. Media crews, kept more thao two miles away, struggled to interpret the movements of people and cars shuttling between the ranch and FBI eheckpoints.

For the first time, it was reported, two FBI vehicles were allowed to enter the compound. "The agreement is moving forward," an FBI source said, after the Freemen had reportedly

agreed to give up. But the eccentric nature of the stand-off from start to fin-

ish, and a series of earlier abort-ed deals, left no one certain that the 16 people left inside would finally walk out.
On 25 March the FBI

arrested two leaders of the Freemen in a sting operation. For nearly three months the bureau has been playing cat and mouse with those left inside. determined to avoid a shooting match with people who, though heavily armed, were only accused of white-collar crimes. The Freemen say the US Government is unconstitutional; they concoct courts and banks

of their own. But their bizarre beliefs crossed the line to criminal activity after followers used millions of dollars worth of fake cheques to pay off dehts and tax hills and a local judge was threatened with death.

The key to yesterday's planned surrender was a deal for the Freemen to hand over alleged evidence of government misdoings to a third party for safekeeping. Members of the Cause Foundation, a legal group with close associations with far right activists, were acting as intermediaries.

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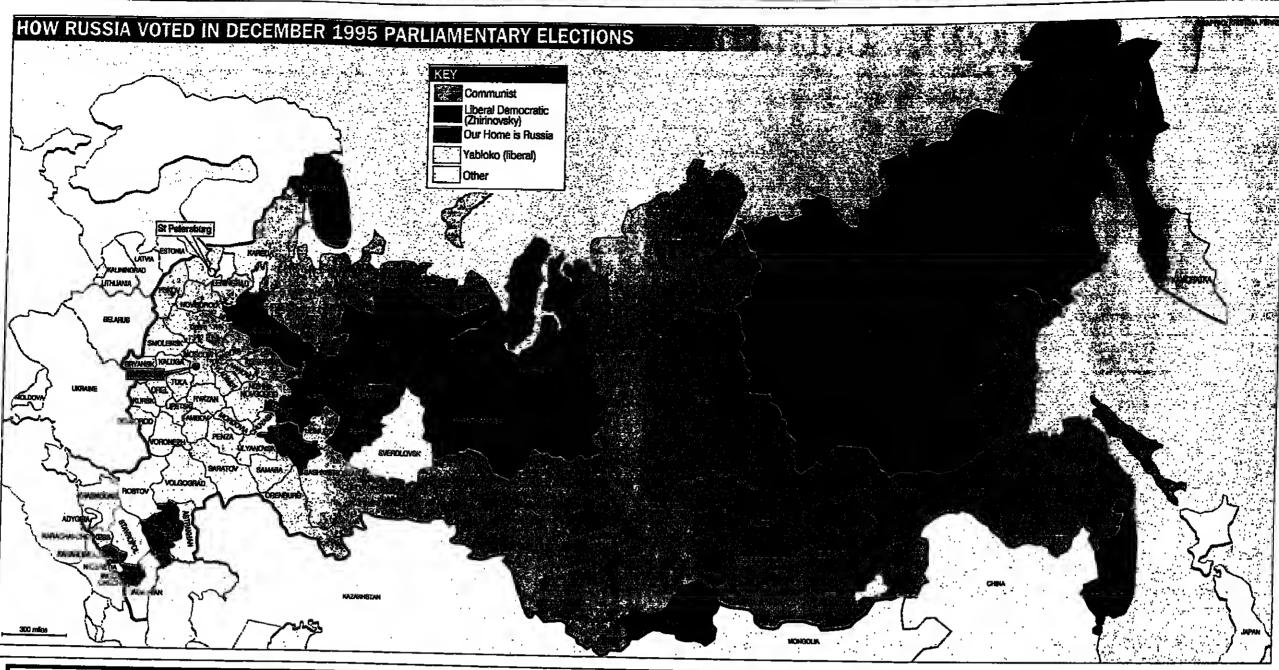
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Will the map turn red on Sunday?

PHIL REEVES

Russian officials were yesterday completing preparations for the first presidential election since their country became an independent nation. Quite apart training from the political issues at stake scale of the event is of mindboggling proportions.

electorate, from reindeer herdsmen in the remotest reaches of the Arctic (some of whom have already voted, so far flung are their homes), to the chic ur-banites of St Petersburg, will vote in 95,000 stations, spread across 11 time zones.

Although there are 10 candidates, the issue to be resolved is whether Boris Yeltsin will remain in the Kremlin for a second term, or whether the hugely powerful President's office will pass to Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist leader. Both are expected to emerge from Sunday's contest with enough votes to place them in a two-horse runoff next month. Neither will win the 50 per cent needed for outright victory.

Concern about fraud is such each voting station, an operation involving several hundred thousand people. The Yeltsin camp is also discussing similar measures. And there will be hundred of interestional and other dreds of international and other independent observers.

Technically, rigging the ballot should be impossible. The law allows observers to watch every stage of the voting process. They can inspect voter lists, and are entitled to copies of the results. copies of the results protocols as they are passed from local to territorial election commissions, and then on to the Central Elec-tion Commission (CEC) in Moscow. This enables the contenders to conduct what amounts to a parallel count which the Communists intend to do. But this is a complex, labour-intensive operation; there are strong doubts over whether they can pull it off.

In reality, some voting stations seem certain to go unmonitored, opening the way for a certain amount of falsification, either by pro-Yeltsin officials (who tend to occupy top regional jobs) or by the Communists (who control more than 20 percentage of level of the communists). more than 30 per cent of local election commissions). Add to this the fact that regional pow-er-brokers think little of apply-ing pressure to those under their sway beforehand—the president of one republic has publicly guaranteed Mr Yeltsin 99 per guaranteed for reason ye per cent of his population's support and the process looks murky. Although the CEC has 15

days to complete counting, the general picture will probably be

clear by Monday. The first resuits from the far east are expected on Sunday night, but they are unlikely to be a reliable guide to the outcome. The region includes sweeps of near empty landscape and has a rep-

For the election to be valid there must be a turn-out of at least 50 per cent. Surveys suggest it will be above the 63 per The country's 107 million cent who voted in December's parliamentary poll. A high turnout is critical to Mr Yeltsin. The Communist bloc's 20 to 25 million core voters will vote, come

what may. The President's support contains many more waverers. Two hurdles stand in their way. It is a summer weekend, when city dwellers, especially in pro-reform Moscow, head for their country cottages. And there is a Euro 96 football match between Russia and Germany.

So where will the election be decided? Russia's electoral history is so short that there is not enough data to draw many re-liable conclusions by studying past form. That said, the Com-munists are strongest in the rural areas, particularly the southern "red belt". They tend that the Communists claim to be planning to send observers to exceptions, like Smolensk and Pskov, which the Yeltsin camp admits it has no chance of winning. The pro-reformers can rely on the cities of St Petersburg and Moscow, plus loyalist re-publics like Tatarstan and Kalmyk.

The Yeltsin campaign has high hopes of winning in a number of other areas which number of other areas which voted Communist six months ago, for instance, Nizhny Novgorod, Yaroslavl, Chelyabinsk and the regions of Moscow and Leningrad (the city of St Petersburg characters) tersburg changed its name; the region has not). They also expect to take several others where the vote was fairly evenly spread, including Murmansk and Sverdlovsk.

Any sign that Mr Yeltsin has made progress in the Communist strongholds like Kemerovo (where 48 per cent voted Communist in December), Amur, munist in December), Amur. Ulyanovsk, Kaluga, Oryol, and the Adygei Republic will be greeted with delight by the Kremlin. But there is potential for the unexpected. The lowly standing of the ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky in the polk is probably decentive: in the polls is probably deceptive; in the past he has done far better than predicted; he is mounting a lastminute campaign, and could easily come third. The Yeltsin team has been showing signs of over-confidence and the President may have made made a mistake when he claimed he will win outright in the first round. This could all backfire, come Sunday.

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AND SERVICE ELECTIONS

Zhirinovsky meets match in Vulgar Vlad

HELEN WOMACK

Although there have been a few lapses, like the day this week when he appeared before the press wearing a canary-yellow Mao suit, the Russian nation-alist Vladimir Zhirintwsky has conducted his campaign for president with relative taste and moderation.

It is generally agreed the cap and bells have now passed to a new jester of Russian politics, an astonishingly vulgar self-made millionaire called Vladimir Bryntsalov.

He still has a lot to learn from the master. While Mr Zhirinovsky sits stony-faced, allowing his audiences to roar with shocked laughter at his pronouncements, Mr Bryntsalov laughs at his own jokes, brays in fact. "Money is mankind's greatest invention, ha, ha, ha." But of the also-rans of the

election, Mr Bryntsalov, 49 has managed to get noticed. Even i he only gets 1 per cent of the ote, as polls predict, he has become a nationally known



on vodka and medicines

future in politics. He has been helped by his sexy young wife Natasha: "My second wife but not my last. Ha, ha, ha!" He is reported to pay her \$18,000 (£12,000) a month for house-

keeping and "keeping up the family image".

She has followed him everywhere on his election trips. On the road to St Petersburg she was filmed by the side of the Bryntsalov motorcade, coyly picking wild flowers. Another time she dropped her trousers

husband smacked her bottom. The now-famous bottom has launched a new political career.

Backside apart, what are Mr Bryntsalov's policies? This is harder to say, for he seems mostly interested in flaunting his wealth. Dubbed by some the Ross Perot of Russian politics, he can perhaps be described as a nationalist capitalist. Elected to the State Duma in Decem-ber, he sits with the nationalists and Communists. But he is far from Communist where economics are concerned. Voters are asked to believe that, be-cause he founded a company with an annual turnover of three trillion rouhles (£400m),

lion people.

He claims to have come from humble stock in the Stavropol region of southern Russia. In 1979 he was expelled from the Communist Party for revealing "petty-bourgeois tendencies" by building himself a three-storey house. But he flourished in the perestroiks era, setting up a bee-keeping co-operative that earned him \$800,000, with

he can run a country of 150 mil

which he bought the Soviet Kirov Pharmaceutical Factory in Moscow, turning it into a mar-ket leader called Ferane. He is said to pay \$800 a month, a generous wage by Russian stan-dards, to his 15,000 workers.

But there is another side to Mr Bryntsalov, nicknamed Moonshiner by his colleagues in parliament. He also produces vodka; bottles with his rugged face on the label are on sale in

kiosks all over Moscow.

Much of his money has evidently come from this business as he has taken advantage of tax breaks given to companies in the health sector. The Moscow tax police say he owes 40on roubles

He has an interesting past, too. He carries a gun and brags that when he was starting out, that when he was starting out, he had to fight off protection racketeers. "Their bones have long been rotting in Moscow's forests," he claimed recently. A natural showman, he has grasped that you need a hig mouth for politics. But if he ty, on some subjects he might be advised to keep it shnt.



Down and out: A homeless woman in St Petersburg. Poverty is a big issue in the poli

Photograph: Reuter

Contract killer assassinates another mayor

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Sunday

Moscow, already ranled by a bomb on the Metro system which killed four, yesterday discovered that one of its suburban mayors had been shot dead by a contact assassin, only three days before the presi-

President Eoris Yeltsin de-scribed the klling of Viktor Mosolov, the second such official to be murdered in 10 days, as a "terrorist a:t" aimed at in-timidating vote's before Sun-day's vote. But the police ruled

much to his desire to present bility in the closing stages of his campaigt. He wastes no opportunity to depict his Com-munist rival, Gennady Zyuganov, as a man surrounded by damerous revolutionaries, despte Mr Zyuganov's efforts to stablish his credentials as a piogressive, moderate

its symbolism: it was stormed by the Bolsheviks at the start of the 1917 revolution. "On June 16. you will decide Russia's fate for many years ahead," Yeltsin told thousands of cheering young people, "The revolution start-ed here in St Petersburg but Russia does not need any more

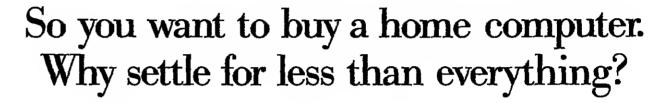
But Mr Zyuganov also turned the metro bombing and the mayor's murder to political ends, by blaming government policies for a rise in mafia-style ngsterism and violence. "Únfortunately we pay for these timidating vocaday's vote. But the police industry out a political motive.

His death, which follows a bomb attack on the running-mate of Moscow's mayor, has added to the pre-election jitters and led police to step up secutionally. Scores of Iorries

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a grand finale to his campaign

As he does so, the attention of some analysts is beginning to drift to the fortunes of Alexander Lebed, a pro-reform candidate who appears to be receiving discreet backing from the Kremlin on the grounds that he could take votes from the Communists. Speculation is growing that the popular retired



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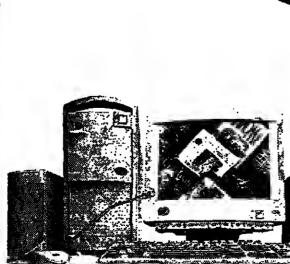
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Tibet plunges Bonn into row with China

IMRE KARACS

Germany fell off its tightrope yesterday, after repeated attempts to do lucrative business in China, on the one hand, while proclaiming itself to be the conscience of the world, on

the other. Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, suffered a series of humiliations during the course of the day. In the morning, China closed down the Peking office of a political foundation run by his own party, the Free Democrats. In the afternoon he was attacked by German MPs for his wimpish response: one Green MP accused the Foreign

Minister of "kow-towing to a dictatorial regime".

By the evening Mr Kinkel was piggy in the middle, in a row that s threatening to unravel German attempts to project an independent foreign policy in the delegation's agenda.

economically dynamic region. Chinese ire was provoked by the Dalai Lama's plan to hold the second World Congress of Tibetan Exiles in Bonn this weekend. Although the German

from the event, the Congress is being organised by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, an influential think-tank headed by the former Economics Minister and respected Free Democrat, Count Otto Lambsdorff.

In closing down the Founda-tion's office, Peking accused it of supporting the "Dalai Lama

Indirectly, the charge could also be levelled at the German government, which has been strenuously cultivating links with the Chinese government in the hope of gaining fat contracts for its industry. Earlier this year, Chancellor Helmut Kohl led a 100-strong trade delega-tion to China, during which he appeared to absolve the regime of the crimes of Tiananmen Square by meeting generals of the Chinese People's Army. Arms sales were high on the

The twin-track approach of making money in the Far East while paying lip service to human rights in the region finally foundered yesterday. Even before Peking's intervention

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state support for the Congress through the Foundation, which receives some of its money from one of the parties in the governing coalition. The motion was defeated, but another, criticising Chinese human rights

violations, is on the way. Fairly innocuous in its wording, the motion due to be tabled next week is explosive in sub-stance. The text was drafted not only by opposition politicians, but also MPs from the coalition parties, and somehow got the approval of a Christian Democrat whip. There were dark hints circulating in Bonn yes-terday that if that motion were approved, Mr Kinkel would have no choice but to resign.

The Foreign Minister tried to escape the gathering storm by instructing his office late in the day to call in the Chinese ambassador for a dressing-down.
The German government

Foundation office as an "inappropriate reaction", Mr Kinkel explained in a statement. The federal government

regarded the closure of the

government distanced itself yesterday, opposition MPs had supports the demand of from the event, the Congress is planned a motion calling for Tibetans for cultural and religious autonomy," the state-ment went on. "Tibetans have a verifiable traditional histori-

cal right for autonomy."

The pundits wondered whether this heralded a change of government policy. Alas, we are still in lip-service territory. The statement explains that Germany recognises Tibet is part of China, and could not recognise the Dalai Lama as anything but a figurehead. Rather than dousing the flames. Mr Kinkel's belated

response is likely to pour more oil on the fire. Tensions between China and Germany are bound to rise throughout the duration of the Congress, although the Dalai Lama can be excused for wondering what all the fuss is about. So far, he has made no com-

plaint about German hospitality. He is being looked after by Petra Roth, the Mayor of Frankfurt, and a prominent politician in Mr Kohl's Christian Democratic party But don't tell Mr Kohl - he

Three die as Indonesian jet skids off runway



Lethal blaze: Black smoke rises from the tail section of a Garuda Indonesian Airways DC-10 after it skiddel into a field at Fukuoka airport in Japan and burst into flames; all but three of the 275 on board escaped Photograph: AP

Japan turns its back on man who won over the world

Richard Lloyd Parry on the apid rise and fall of reformer Ichiro Dzawa

largest economy and many of its higgest and most successful companies but, throughout its modern history, it has lacked one commodity essential to countries intent on wielding true global power and influence: distinctive

and charismatic politicians.
When world leaders gather for When world leaders gather for difficult years. Two national distincing global think-ins, such as the asters - the Kobe earthdrake and G7 Summit in Lyons at the end the Tokyo subway rerve gas of this month, the views and consent of the Japanese count as much as any. Outside the conscience and governmental scandals, have been met with ference rooms and diplomatic huddles, however, they are eclipsed; when the Bills, Jacques and Helmus line up for their group photograph, it is the Japanese Prime Minister who always seems to wind up at the end, wearing the lost smile of one who

wishes he was somewhere else. This is what, until recently at least, made Ichiro Ozawa so dif-ferent. Since the publication two years ago of his much translat-ed book, Blueprint For A New Japan, he has been feted all over the world as a new style of Japanese politician, a debater and confrontationalist who can deal with his foreign peers on equal terms.

Ozawa's ambition to turn Japan into a "normal country", with a transparent political sys-tem, capable of taking its global responsibilities as a peaceful but active military power, have won him the respect of politicians all over the world. This week he has been in

London, with eight young mem-bers of Shinshinto, the "New Frontier Party", of which he is leader. He has spoken with Tony Blair, leader of the Labour Party, the Prime Minister, John Major, and his deputy, Michael

To British politicians, Ozawa's glossy sheen has plainly not worn off. In Japan, however, things look very different. At home he is looking increasing-ly like yesterday's man; all his brave ideas about international responsibility and reform of the stagnant political system cannot disguise the fact that he has singularly failed to cut it as

a domestic politician.
For a while it looked as if he ror a while it looked as it ne might just have pulled it off. Three years ago Japanese politics underwent its greatest shake-up since the Second World War when the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) lost its majority in the Diet after 38

years of unbroken power.

Despite remaining the biggest single force, the LDP was replaced in government by a coalition of small new parties. Their principal policy was reform of the political system, in particular the "iron triangle" of Diet members, businessmen and, above all, the unelected bureaucracy. Their chief ideologue and driving force was Mr Ozzwa.

But within weeks, the coalition was in trouble, bogged down in scandal and internal feuding. One of its promises reform of the electoral system

Tokyo — Japan may possess the — squeaked through the Diet but world's richest banks, its second in the summer of 1993, Mr Ozawa's reformers were ousted from power is an extraordinary marriage between the LDP and the Social Democratic Party.

This creally alliance letween conservatives and former socialists, now led by Ryutaro Hashimoto, has endured three blithering indecision ly the government, but Mr Ozava's party has singularly failed to exploit the



to alienate all sides

situation. Shimpinto's support ratings are stulk at low levels, younger party sembers are now talking openly about breaking away to form new New Party. Few believ that the present arrangement can survive the next election likely to be called

for next January. There are even rumours the Ozawa will step down as Shijshinto leader, perhaps even afer the present Diet session which ends next week. These, prhaps unfairly, have been fuelled by his trip to London. The Sinshinto leader has suffered at least one heart attack, and the whispers have it that he vists Britain not only to call on politicians, but also to see a heart specialist.

Meaningful change can only be brought about from inside by one on humate terms with the very pover brokers whose low-er he would dismantle. For all his fresh ideas, Mr Ozawa the consummate operator - before leaving the LDP he was a smior member of Japan's biggest and most corrupt, political faction. Backspom deals and arm wisting are his speciality; no J panese dection, after all, cin be fought without the finacial backing of rich businessien.

Mr Özawa's biggest failete has been in finding a new phitical method to match his reprnist language. So far he his succeeded in alicnating all ides both the voters and yunger politicians to whom to once seemed a breath of freshir, and the old guard who still take up the majority of the Die Three years ago, Mr Ozawa loked like a new political species Now he resembles an awkwardybrid the head of reformer on he body of an old political dineaur.



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the leader page

A government reduced to pork scratchings

fag end government yesterday as good as invited its support-impractical recipe for parliamentary ers to open the pork barrel and lick the salt off the fatfest knuckles they could find. Come and get it, said Stephen Dorrell, as he tore up the elaborate and much consulted-upon plan for acute services in north-west London, devised by his predecessor, Virginia Bottomley. He will doubtless feel that keeping a substitute accident and emergency unit open in Edgware is no great sacrifice. Yet he knows, as all health secre-

taries know, that A&E is a touchstone in any rational organisation of health care in urban areas. The public often clamours for high-cost neighbourhood facilities. They cannot be afforded, and that means hard decisions have to be made that appear to favour one location over another. Mr Dorrell's predecessor made a hard decision; he has changed his mind and given no con-vincing reason for it.

We are therefore left to conclude the obvious: blackmail pays. Local MPs Hugh Dykes and Sir John Gorst have stretched Mr Dorrell over the selfsame pork barrel. The health secretary is left presiding over a broken-backed health

policy for the capital.

Not that Hugh Dykes and Sir John

representation set out in his address to the electors of Bristol. Burke was wrong: MPs are obliged, at least occa-sionally, to try and do things for their constituents. The problem is balancing when they should speak for sectional interest, when for party, and when for nation. We hear Tory MPs speak for locality and - most usually - for party. We rarely these days hear

them speaking for nation.

The very phrase pork barrel provokes comparison with the United States. American vote-buying offends us—but it is peculiar to the American political culture, which depends on pork for tubication. Getting the goods for state and district is what elected representatives are there to do: that President Clinton should lobby for Arkansas chicken exports while chatting to Boris Yeltsin in the Kremlin should not shock us. American pork barrels - and those packed with chicken, oil, tobacco, rice and cotton - are all politically functional.

Here the size of the barrel is determined by the power of MPs. They lack

power. They have little direct sway over executive decisions, and are only able to strike a wee bargain here and there. Of course they can and ought to help out their constituents, by chivvying the local council or heading deputations for foreign investments, or whatever. But



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the opportunity with which Dykes and Gorst were presented was exceptional, and, for them, not to be passed up. Weakness and division in a government whose whips' office is in a state of terminal impotence presented them with a mile-wide opportunity.

Good for Edgware, Harrow and Hendon. But bad for Tory claims to be a party with a health policy, and fatal for Tory claims to disciplined fiscal management. And if, as the election approaches, and they pen their election addresses, we just happen to hear Mr Dykes and Sir John Gorst daring to claim they have any firm stance on the

particular control of health spending, then that hypocrisy would be blatant for all too see.

More strikingly, this north London pork barrel tale is symptomatic of a wider governmental malaise. The way this governmental malaise. The way this government is shown, every day, at every turn, to be deeply dehilitating. The development of policy is at a virtual standstill, because nothing significant can happen hefore the general election. Instead, we are offered old most for example from Gillian Shep. meat, for example from Gillian Shephard on selection, or from Michael Heseltine with his recycled competitiveness white paper yesterday.

House. It is an occasion when he could, even if he had little new ro say about macroeconomic policy, have tried his hand at explaining and analysing trends in the world economy. He might have sought to attach his name to the new pragmatism that rules in economic decision-making; he might have used his time to lecture the City about domestic investment. Any or all of that would have told us that here was a Chancellor thinking ahead. Instead we get Mr Clarke indulging in the party dog-fight. What he had to say about the Eurosceptics is well

taken, hut, in a purely government sense, it is not material - it is about internal Tory divisions, which need an election before they can properly he resolved. The governance of Britain is captive to the petty squabbles of a political party whose mandate was exhausted months ago. The nation has been precipitated into potentially calamitous demarche with our fellow members of the European Union for the sake, largely, of keeping a fissi-parous party together for a few sterile

months longer.
This little arm-twisting episode in north London emphasises the impossibility of Mr Major's administration any longer sustaining an intellectually consistent position, for the simple reason that his premiership is now hostage to the influence of even the

Mr Clarke goes to the Mansion tiniest minority of determined MPs. Being up to your arms in pork, as the whole of Congress is in America, is one thing; living with a government that has only scratchings to offer from the bottom of its political barrel is

Hope at last for the child victims

As, finally, a proper publishable investigation into child care in North Wales gets under way, it is tempting to sling around recriminations about how it all took too long. There will need to be searching questions about the role that Welsh Office civil servants, government legal advisers, councillors and their officials in Clwyd all played in blocking a full inquiry before now. But for today, let us thank William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, for provoking the Prime Minister into doing the right thing. And let us also give due credit to John Major for venting his rage at bureaucratic blockages. By appointing Sir Bill Utting to look quickly at safeguards for all children in care throughout England and Wales, Mr Major has at last offered hope that the ahuses - most vigorously exposed by this newspaper - may be understood and addressed.

Gorst have themselves done anything reprehensible. Edmund Burke may have been a Tory, but neither the Tories nor any of the other parties Russians vote with the heart not the head Sir. In response to your leading article "If Russia turns back the

article "If Rissia turns back the clock, everyone loses" (12 June), I agree with you that when given the choice people do not always choose wisely. Like all people, and perhaps to a greater extent than others, Russians are guided more by

The sensible person will calculate that the only way to avert an even deeper crisis and the Communist takeover is to vote for ... Boris Yeltsin. The emotional one will be unable to "choose wisely" because his or her heart is burning with sorrow for the losers of badly _ conducted economie reforms and the victims of the Chechen tragedy. He or she feels that Russia deserves a better president who will be able to solve the pressing internal problems and to improve Russia's standing abroad.

government hnt conclude that, on balance, Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist leader, will cause more damage if elected. That is what common sense tells the reasonable person. But for better or worse, the majority of Russians listen to their hearts more than to common sense.

poverty and unemployment and injustice. He speaks of equality and the sense of community and social justice. Many people support him not because of but despite his "nostalgia for the Soviet Union". He speaks of national grandeur and people applaud him not elock" and restore Russian miluence over half of the continent but because their national pride is hurt by the humiliation they feel

Russia faces from the West. Your fear that Russia will turn Communist again is not unfounded but there is no reason to be pessimistic about the future. The Communist rule will ant last long. Soon the emotional person will realise that Zyuganov cannot solve our econnmic problems - not to mention political - and will rebel again. Russia will turn liberal, and everyone will benefit. BARBARA DANILINA

The writer is a student at Moscow

Champion of the poor

Sir: The United Nations stands at a crossroads in its history. Facing a cash and credibility crisis the UN needs major reform and requires a new vision for the future.

The election of a new Secretary General in the person of the Irish President Mary Robinson represents that hope for the future. She has been a constant champion for the poorest of the poor, is outspoken against injustices and is imbued with democratic instincts.

President Robinson has emerged as the clear successor to the current Acumbent. The former British Rermanent Representative to the UN. Sir Anthony Parsons, sees her candidacy as a "very strong runner" (report, 4 June). His seasoned opinion is shared by the seople she has reached out to

lt is vital that the British government is urged by the public o join the growing groundswell

emotions than by reason.

You criticise Yeltsin's

Zyuganov promises to eliminate

because they want to "turn back the

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Sue the one who can pay

JOHN O'SHEA

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Sir: Don't kill off all the "ambulance-chasing lawyers" just yet (Polly Toynbee; "Litigation is the wrong medicine", and Yvette Cooper, "Money: miracle cure of the Nineties," 12 June)

and endorse her candidacy for this

post. Ireland will lose a great President but the world will gain a

woman of vision and ability.

Any tort law student worth his sait will tell you that the key issue in accident compensation is not who is to blame, but who can pay. Money is exactly what Christina O'Sullivan is going to need to care for a child with spina bifida, and she would never get near that same amount of money from the social security system and the NHS. It is fortunate that Ms O'Sullivan had a solvent defendant in sue.

Litigation is an imperfect remedy, available only to those who can establish fault, and as seen by the limited class of Hillsborough victims awarded compensation by the court - police officers, but not victims' families it is sometimes unfair and unpredictable. But in the absence of a comprehensive, state-run, accident compensation system for all, at least a lucky few have recourse to more adequate compensation through litigation.
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We get teachers we deserve

Sir: Fran Abrams' revelation that low A-level grades are sufficient fo many teacher training courses should not raise many eyebrows.

In this market economy the market for qualifications and jobs is governed by simple rules of supply and demand. A poorly paid, publicly reviled, and systematically disenfranchised profession is not going to be the first choice of the brightest students. Raising of entry requirements would result in a shortage of applicants. Raising salaries would raise applications, and ultimately the expertise of the profession. This has been argued for many years. Broadly speaking. we have the schools and teachers we deserve, because we collectively value them so little. JEREMY NICHOLS Boxworth, Cambridgeshire

Sir. I trained as a primary school teacher between 1974 and 1977. One did not require A-levels and we did not train for a degree but rather a Certificate of Education ie a teacher training certificate. I gained entry to teacher training college in 1974 with only 4 O-levels

and 1 CSE. This did not preclude me from training as a primary teacher because it used to be recognised that high A-level grades and a degree did not give a person the qualities to teach four and five year olds these basic skills. Since then as a mature student I have gained both a first and second degree

which must indicate that I have, and must always have had, the academic ability to do so. There has always been snobbery in further education circles and Mike Bossingham's letter reflects this snobbery against non-degree further education courses.

'John Major says you can only have the operation if you vote Conservative'

Probably the most important skills one could teach primary school children are literacy and numeracy and the reality is that good teachers and high grades are not necessarily related especially when teaching basic skills. Being able to teach others is not the same as being able in regurgitate facts to pass A-levels or gain nther paper qualifications but relies on patience and a range of approaches and interpersonal skills which cannot be tested by A-level examining FRANCES BROWNE

TV funding formula

Lordon W7

Sir: In his article, "The future for ITV" (4 June), Mathew Horsman appears to bave misunderstood the facts underlying the current debate on the funding formula subsidies paid by Channel 4 to the ITV

Channel 4's revenue is not a pot of money for competitors to use as they think fit. We are talking about the advertising revenue that we, in competition with ITV and satellite, earn in the market place. Under the existing funding formula arrangement the Channel is

A language effectively required to pay half of everything we earn over 14 per cent of terrestrial net advertising sneered at revenue to ITV. Consequently last year we paid £74m (the equivalent Sir: I was amazed that as many as 5 of nne quarter of our annual per cent of British children thought

Esperanto should be the single international language for Europe (report. 10 June), considering that

Languages Working Group arranged for it to be excluded from the National Curriculum. Up to

is six years since the Modern

then one could attain a GCSE in

Esperanto, and the results were

In spite of this, the leaders of

professional languages teachers

left Esperanto out of the list. It ran from Arabic to Urdu – 19

languages in all, and nnly these may

language, if there is a demand from

Esperanto no longer makes a profit

for the Northern Examining Board,

Having no country, Esperanto has

operation from teachers of modern

languages. Unfortunately they are so

prejudiced against it that, if asked for

information about it, they invariably

language with no culture. For a week in July the World Esperanto

Congress will be held in Prague, and

in August, in Shanghai, there will be

the first Asian Esperanto Congress.]

shall be at both, among thousands of

more than 70 different countries. No

other users of the language, from

headphones; no translations

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necessary, Marvellous!

DAVID R CURTIS

parents; but as even parents have hardly heard of it, demand has

been so little that the GCSE in

now be taught as main foreign

languages. Esperanto may be

taught as a second foreign

and has been withdrawn.

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very good.

programme budget) to ITV's shareholders. This year it will be nearer £90m. Mr Horsman advocates "leaving the levy in place until 1998" as if that were some novelty: it is in fact precisely what is going to bappen. The Channel has agreed to continue the payments to ITV until the end of 1997, by which time the ITV companies will have received £300m from us, three times the

amount they expected when they bid for their licences.

There is no reason whatsoever

for Channel 4 to continue to subsidise ITV. Indeed, in the debate in the House of Lords on 16 January, the Heritage minister Lord Inglewood confirmed that the formula was not intended as a subsidy. Government has also made a clear statement of policywhich it reiterated in the Commun. Standing Committee yesterday -that it wishes the formula to be subject to a two-stage phased reduction leading, in principle, to zero for calendar year 1999. This is a sensible compromise and we await the final confirmation of the details of the phasing-out of this unnecessary and damaging drain on Channel 4's programme

budgets. MICHAEL GRADE Chief Executive Channel Four Television Corporation

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hi-tech jobs

Sir: The juxtaposition of two articles today (12 June) illustrates nicely how far off track many of our politicians are. In one we are told that Paddy Ashdown expects James Goldsmith to make Europe the central issue in the next general election, while the other tells us of union dismay at the export of some jobs to India by British Airways. While Paddy Ashdown is probably right, it is the second item which shows that Europe is nothing more than a sideshow, a distraction from the real threat to our prosperity, our sovereignty, and possibly our system of liberal democracy.

Globalisation of

Manufacturing jobs have been exported almost without comment for some years now hut deregulation and the falling costs of telecommunications mean that the process of globalisation experienced in manufacturing is now shifting into services, with a vengeance. The move by BA is a mere trickle, compared with the flood to come. As major employers follow the logic of the market we should expect a massive outflow of the relatively unskilled jobs, such as data processing. There is little to stop the bulk of such jobs in hanking, insurance, and other services eventually locating in lowwage economics such as India.

You report that the GMB union concerned over the BA move intends to "seek legislation, similar to US law, stopping companies taking jobs out of Britain simply to take advantage of low pay". GMB leaders must know that this government has already apposed European and American efforts to agree much less "protectionist" measures than they suggest. Steeped in neo-classical theory the Government believes firmly that globalisation will enrich all. eventually. This may well be right. but, as many academic commentators recognise, the structural disruption and redistributive effects which occur meanwhile could be fatal. TOM KILCOURSE Colyton, Devon

Sir: The Independent today reported comments made by the GMB union about British Airways' creation of jobs in India ("British Airways exports data processing work to India . 13 June).

The report does not reflect our commitment to employment in the UK. We employ 46,000 people in this country and we have created 2,000 new jobs in the UK over the

We compete globally, operating in 83 countries. More than 50 per cent of our revenue is generated outside the UK. Ensuring that we are competitive in everything we do and pursuing appropriate opportunities wherever they arise are essential to maintaining our success and to preserv ing jobs in the UK.

MERVYN WALKER Director of Human Resources British Airways Heathrow Airport

Missing men

Sir: If six out of 10 British men are either not registered with a GP. have never registered with a GP or do not know their doctor's name (report, 11 June). GPs must be relieved of 30 per cent of their potential adult workload.

Where would the NHS be if these men became hrave enough to go to the doctor? PATRICIA V DAWSON London SE26

The pop star Dave Stewart has come out as a victim of 'Paradise syndrome', the scourge of the very rich. Bob and Paula seem to be fellow sufferers. Meanwhile, the poor, we are told, may be spending more. Liz Hunt and Nick Timmins report

Paradise lost: they're so rich it hurts

man broke ranks to torment that has marred his life for more than a decade. Dave Stewart, the multi-millionaire musician and a driving force behind the Eighties supergroup The Eurythmics, told n audience in London how he had fought and failed to conquer a debilitating affliction that has forced him to seck help from doctors around the

Stewart was a victim of Paradise syndrome, a condition known only to some psycholo-gists - and the fantastically rich and successful. Paradise syndrome is a mental disorder that strikes over-achievers whose immense wealth provides them with a perfect life. They simply cannot cope and must find ways of making it worse. "It is when your world is going

absolutely, fantastically well and you feel so inspired," Mr Stewart said. "Everything you have possibly wanted to do in life you can do. You can just decide you want to do something and things fall into place. You think there must be a catch," he said. And if there isn't, you imagine one. Or create it.

By hravely speaking out, Stewart has helped the many to understand the few. Perhaps members of this fabulous minority will even come to terms with their cooditioo. A support group - Paradise Lost? - and a "Freephooe Paradise" helpline must follow.

rest of us. too. We accept that the rich are different, but acknowledgement by one of their own of the existence of Paradise syndrome explains more succinctly than any psychobabbling therapist just why they screw up emotionally and practically oo a grand scale

It explains the poor little rich girl phenomenoo typified by Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth's heiress, and Gloria Vanderbilt. It prompts better the hirth of the winningly oamed understanding of the downfall Fifi Trixibelle, together with of scions of the British aristo-worldwide acclaim for Band Aid, cracy such as Jamie Blandford. Marquess of Blandford, and John Jermyn Hervey, Marquess of Bristol. And it is confirmed orous king and queen of the rock establishment. She was irritating in the comments of Henry and he was unkempt, but it all Dent-Brocklehurst, who this seemed to work quite well. week inherited the magnificent

shire and an eveo more magnificent £50m withheld from him during his drug-steeped

We can oow sympathise more fully with the problems of the rich and celebrated - Elizabeth Taylor and George Best, about Paradise syndrome. One of the most common

manifestations of the syndrome is imaginary illness - the hil-lionaire recluse Howard Hughes was a hypochondriac without equal. Stewart spoke movingly of his own experi-ences in this field. There was an imaginary kidney stone in Bangkok which resulted in the removal of his appendix, and a heart attack in New York which turned out to be muscle strain

By bravely speaking out, Stewart has helped the many to

understand the few

due to over-exertion on the ten-

There are however, far more destructive manifestations of the disease, exemplified by the "Bob and Paula" saga, which limped to a surprisingly civilised cooclusion in the High Court this week, wheo Paula's exhusband, Bob, agreed to swap Stewart's candour belos the Chelsea homes with her rock star lover, Michael Hutchence. It is a poignant example because Paula Yates, 36, the peroxide and silicon-enhanced partner of the former Boomtime Rats lead singer and founder of Band Aid, Bob Geldof, bought heavily into the paradise concept during her marriage, with scarcely a hint that she would succumb to the syndrome.

Paula's televisioo shows marked her out as a celebrity in her own right. Motherhood and established the Geldoss in the public's affection as the glam-They married in 1986 in Las

Annie Lennox were witnessesand held a second wedding for family and friends at their country home. A knighthood for Bob signified universal acceptance of the couple and their Domestic hliss at the Geld-

ofs' £750,000 Chelsea home or at their £1.2m former priory home in the depths of the Keot countryside was a recurring theme throughout the late Eighties and early Nineties.

Meanwhile Boh, who was something of a lost soul after Band Aid, found success with Planet 24, a television produc-tion company responsible for The Big Breakfast. Paula was a regular presenter and star interviewer, where she shared a douhie bed with celebrity guests.

It was on that bed that she renewed her acquaintance with Michael Hutchence, Australian lead singer with the super-group INXS. An affair followed, and a year ago Paula said goodbye to her image of perfection and moved in with Hutchence.

Paradise syndrome, perhaps suppressed for years, struck with a vengeance and the Boh and Paula split degenerated profile dispute over money and property. At one stage she stood in the street howling obscenities and throwing stones at Bob's windows, and then there was a "quickie" biography sold for a £150,000 advance. Her weekly column in the Sun, for which she was paid £100,000, provided a platform for real mudslinging and outrageous comments about Geldof which aimed to shame him into coughing up more from his estimated £10m, fortune. They divorced in December last year, hut were still fightiog for custody of a

The appareotly goodoatured house swap agreed outside the High Court on Thursday - Boh and his girlfriend will move into Hutcheoce's one-bedroom mews cottage, vacating the Chelsea mansion for Paula and daughters - was unexpected. Boh and Paula, seven months pregnant, appeared screne and smiling after the settlement.

But as with many cases of Paradise syndrome, she might just be in remission.







Top: Bob Geldof with daughters Peaches and Pixie yesterday. Centre: Paula Yates and Michael Hutchence on the infamous bed. Above: Dave Stewart and Annie Lennox

Paradise denied: the gap gets wider

much succour for the left for a decade and more that under the Conservatives the rich have got richer while the poor have got poorer - has taken a considerable knock.

Research showing that the bottom 10 per cent of the population has seen its income fall by 17 per cent while the top tenth has seen a 62 per ceot rise has been supplemented by new data on spending and mobility.

When spending is examined, far from falling, that of the bottom 10 per cent has risen, by around 14 per ceot. And those who make up the bottom 10 per cent are not a static. poverty-ridden underclass, hut much more mobile group than many once thought - with between a quarter and a haif moving out of the hottom 10 per cent each year to be replaced by others falling down the income ladder.

The world is more complex. than once it seemed - and the evidence that the poor have got absolutely poorer since 1979 is decidedly suspect.

The latest figures are the first, good oews the Tories have had on the subject in a decade, and Peter Lilley, the Secretary of State for Social Security, was using them yesterday.

But as with all figures, there are problems. For a start, a

tenth of the population is a huge oumber - 5.7 millioo people. Buried within them are almost certainly people who have got stuck. And the data from which all the figures come. household surveys, exclude those at the very bottom of the pile - the homeless on the streets, those in hostels and bed and breakfast. Their oumbers are oot large. But there are undoubtedly many more of them than 20 years ago and they are the visible evidence of

This is the core of the argumeor. For whether or not the bottom 10 per ceot have got absolutely poorer since the mid-1970s - the widening gap in income distributioo started before Margaret Thatcher came to power - it is clear they are relatively poorer, compared both to the middle and the top. For them, paradise has been

denied. Eveo using the spending figures - which show a less sharp growth in inequality than the income figures those at the top have dooe three times better than those at the bottom, and been able to save an awful lot more to boot. And while wideoing inequalities have been a feature of most developed societics in recent years, what evidence there is suggests that inequalities have widened faster in the UK than in most other countries.

At some point, this is likely to matter to any society that wants to maintain its cohesion. A section at the bottom that sees itself becoming increas-

ver the past year, an ingly detached is unlikely to have much sympathy for the top. And a top end of society increasingly able to make its own provision for education, health and income and care in old age may well become less willing to pay the taxes to help those at the bottom - either into work or for life where work is not possible. It hardly

> The challenge Peter Lilley laid down yesterday to those who believe society is too unequal was to state what level of inequality they would accept and why. But u begs exactly the same counter-question to those who believe the recent acceleration in inequality not only does not matter hut has

sounds like a recipe for peace.



Those at the bottom have become relatively worse off

been a positive good because it has provided greater rewards to those who have succeeded. What final level of inequality are they prepared to accept, and why? And do they believe the current trend is sustainable?

The challenge is a real one for both parties. It is unlikely a trend that began before the Conservatives took power will cease. It has been driven not just by domestic policies on taxation, employment and benefits but by global forces which include trade and technology.

To halt the trend towards greater inequality at the bottorn, let alone reduce it, is likely to require higher speoding - on in-work benefits, on education and on training as well as oo benefits for those who cannot work. Dramatic ecocomic growth aside, that means either higher taxes or a more selective welfare state in pensions, education and health to release the cash another way: a route which would further detach the have-a-loss from the have-nots, while hitting those in the middle who are just too well off to qualify for tax-funded aid. Neither provides an easy

answer. But without one, the poor will not only always be with us but are likely to get relatively poorer.

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On yer jigger, Fat Owl of the Remove!

ome on, Dad," said my son to me the other day, "let's get our jiggers out and go for a ride!"

"Our what?" I said. This was a oew bit of slang I hadn't come across. My son is only eight but already he's coming up with stuff that leaves me flat-footed. Jiggers? Not a word I ever remember using.

"Jiggers means bicycles," he said, sounding a bit hurt at my forgetfulness. "Doo't you remember? It was in that Billy Bunter book you're reading

He was right. I have been reading him a Billy Bunter book and jigger is used in it as a slang word for bicycle, and so we did get ont our jiggers and go for a ride, so everything ended happily. Except, I suppose, that many a reader will frown at the source of this knowledge, so at a time when Enid Blytoo is coming under fire I ought to justify my reading my own child anything as quaint, old-fashioned and politically incorrect as a Greyfriars story by Frank Richards.

It all came about because he had been listening to a Martin Jarvis tape of several Billy Bunter stories, and Martin Jarvis had made the whole Billy Bunter world come alive for him, as indeed Martin Jarvis can bring anything to life - Martin Jarvis could make the plays and novels of Samuel Beckett seem actioo-packed.

So my son wanted another fix of Billy Bunter. Had I got any Billy Bunter stories? he wanted to know. Well, oo. I hadn't, but it so happened that I came across a Billy Bunter book in a second-hand bookshop a few days later. Billy Bunter's Beoefit, it was called. It had been published in 1950 by Charles Skilton, a publisher whose name I don't think I had come across before, and it had been around the world, because there was a tiny sticker inside revealing that it had been through the hands of "Angus and Robertson, Booksellers to the University, 89 Castlereagh Street. Sydney, Australia". It was £9.

I bought it. It has been a great invest-

Miles Kington

ment because both my son and I have enjoyed the story tremendously - quite apart from all the eating, and fight-ing, and bicycle theft, and ragging and heaveo knows what, it must be the only school novel in which two rival dramatic societies put on competing productions of Hamlet, though I don't think this last has appealed much to my son.

Bunter himself is no doubt the most villainous hero ever created; he is so greedy, mendacious, cowardly, lazy and tures, which I suppose is why he is so winningly attractive. And he has put a new word

manipulative that I cannot think of any redeeming fea-

into my son's vocabulary: jigger. If someone had asked me

last week what it meant, I would have said (hesitantly) that it was either a measure of spirits ("a jigger of rum") or a kind of insect that gets under your toenails. But to discover that it is also a bicycle is unnerving.

Mark you, we have always

been short of a slang word for bicycle in English. "Cycle" and "bike" are mere abbreviations, and anyway "bike" has been stolen by the motorbike people. If the French can have a slang word for bike, la bécane, why can't we? Just asking ...

And now I have even looked up "jigger" in an array of dictionaries and found that jigger means more things than even Frank Richards dreams of. It is also:-

1. A light lifting tackle used 2. A golf club, usually a 4

3. A 11/20z whisky measure;

4. A kind of sieve used for sifting ore; 5. Another word for a chigoe, the insect that hurrows in your flesh:

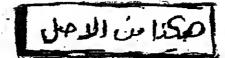
6. A runabout truck on a a

railway line (but only in New Zealand); 7. A device used when setting a gill net beneath ice (but

only io Caoada); 8. An old name for the stand or bridge used in snooker to rest your cue on wheo the cue

ball is too far for comfort. I think that's a wonderful word. It has more jobs than a Tory quango chairman, and does them all efficiently, I have no doubt. It would make a great quiz question - all you would have to do is read out some of those definitions, and theo ask: "What is the word thot means all those things?" And I would oever have known all this had it not been for Billy Buoter.

So if anyone asks me infuture to justify reading Billy-Buoter stories, I shall say quietly: "I use them as a tool for enlarging my vocabulary. And I am oot the only one. Did you realise they were widely on sale at Australian university bookshops in the 1950s?"



the commentators

Enormous discounts on books have hurt both booksellers and authors. It must be time to end them, says Giles Gordon

there are two schools of thought, or thoughtlessness, about WH Smith. One is that Smersb is the salvation of literature and knitur in the high street: after all, you can buy Jeffrey Archer's and Jilly Cooper's latest offerings there. The other is that Smng is an abomination and an embarrassment: Britan's leading bookselling and that Smng is an approximation and an empar-rassment; Britam's leading bookselling and newspaper chain, certainly since the 1950s, has been responsible for lowering the aspi-rations and potential of more than a gener-ation of readers by providing so much pap.

The truth, I fear, does not lie somewhere between these two entrenched viewpoints. Until recently, the directors and senior executives were exclusively of the patrician class, with the chairman, Sir Simon Hornby, and chief executive, Sir Malcolm Field, dishing out crumbs of congratulation to harassed and

As I wrote recently in a column for a glossy monthly, the top brass of WHS was unlikely to shop at any of its 450-odd branches, as it would be unlikely to find there books that would stimulate its interest. These paragraphs were removed from my copy at the last moment on the instructions of the magazine's Kremlin, as the monthly was selling fewer copies than it should have done at WHS and the management was terrified that criticism of Smug might result in the magazine being dropped by the chain.

For change is afoot at WHS, with Bill Cockburn, the new chief executive brought in from the Post Office, announcing yesterday that the group's "product lines" would be reduced from 49,000 to 35,000. WHS is

High Street booksellers: Smith, Smug or Smersh?

book trade. It is market-driven: why provide an intelligent service if it's more profitable

to lay on an unintelligent one? Sir Simon Hornby was succeeded in 1994 as chairman by the witty and energetic Jeremy Hardie, who has in his favour that he is married to a literary agent and thus is likely to be sympathetic to authors: during his first year as chairman, Vikram Seth won the genuinely prestigious WH Smith Award for A Suitable Boy, notoriously omitted from the

same year's Booker Prize shortlist.

Hardie must have realised that the times were out of joint for WHS, and quickly instituted radical changes, the most crucial being the departure of Sir Malcolm Field and the arrival six months ago of Cockburn. WHS is 204 years old, and the annual figures to be announced in August will reveal a loss—the first in the firm's history—of £200m. The workforce is being slashed by 1,100.

Most authors fear and loathe WHS, because they cannot find their books there, yet onblishers invariably suck up to the suppose

yet publishers invariably suck up to the young en and women who run the book side. Publishers need Smith's business, and the most powerful single force in the British thus are prepared, albeit gritting their false

teeth, to give them preposterous discounts. For instance, 26 per cent of Reed's turnover (imprints include Secker & Warburg, Heinemann, Sinclair-Stevenson, Conran Octopus, Methuen, Mitchell Beazley) comes from WH Smith; 31 per cent if Waterstone's is included. Reed gives WHS an overall dis-

WHS even considered making publishers pay for the privilege of showing it their new books

count of 55 per cent off the recommended retail price, and WHS may return as many or as few books as it wishes. This gigantic dis-count is, surely, potential business suicide, and to some degree explains why a few months ago Reed failed to find a buyer for itself at the right price.

Other publishers give WHS even more lav-

ish discounts: the Penguin Group gives

53.5 per cent, Orion 55 per cent, and Harper-Collins an astonishing 56.5 per cent. With discounts such as these, authors' roy-

alties of 10 per cent, 12.5 per cent and 15 per cent of the recommended published price on hardbacks and 7.5 per cent and 10 per cent on paperbacks are automatically reduced to the same percentages of the discounted to the same percentages of the discounted prices. When the Net Book Agreement was suddenly rejected last autumn, it was assumed, not least by WHS, that it would be the major beneficiary. This certainly has been the case with regard to discounts, WHS threatening not to stock publishers' titles unless they up the percentages. However, there have been no winners, and Britain's booksellers, the chains and independents, are nnt selling sufficiently more copies of books

to justify the reduced prices of some. It is hard to see how matters may improve for WHS's core husiness as a bookseller if it stocks even fewer titles than it does at present, and with a much-reduced staff there are likely to be even longer queues than there are at present at the tills (but let's hope that chocolate brown colour and those drab uniforms are abolished).

coming titles to the chain's book huyers. Titles are, essentially, bought centrally, which is why the same relatively few titles pop up with such inevitability in WHS shops up and down the country. Recently some bright new executive announced in publishers that in future they would have to pay for the privilege of showing their new books to Snith. This was quickly squashed after howls of anguish from publishers. Even so, publishers now often submit typescripts to WHS before taking a decision in publish, and redo jackets and covers if the minions at Swindon don't like them. And rather than

Publishers have to travel to WHS's headquarters at Swindon to present their forth-

unsold books being returned to publishers, the bulk-buying WHS's shredding and pulp-ing machines are said to work day and night. It is a cliche of the book trade that a healthy WHS leads to a healthy book trade. At present, beleaguered independent book-sellers are turning their backs on ordering direct from inefficient publishers and are placing their orders with the country's very efficient wholesalers. Publishers don't like this because they have to give wholesalers, who by definition order in bulk, larger dis-

sellers lacking in muscle. The only solution is for the major conglomerates in insist upon reducing their discounts in WHS, which they will need to do for survival. This, of course, will put WHS in an even more par-

counts than they do to independent book-

The writer is a director of the literary agency

Why we must root out the abusers



horror of the sexual abuse of children that seems to have been widespread in residential homes in Clwyd in the Seventies and Eighties. Some of the suggestions as to the number of children involved have been frighteningly high. Although there have been successful criminal prosecutions, there remains deep public concern that the full facts have never been properly uncovered.

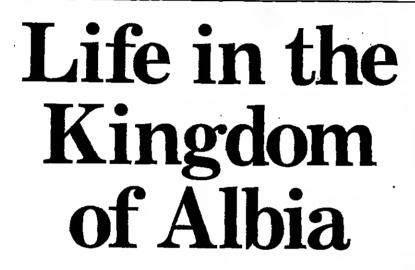
The Independent reported on these issues for some time and has shown the same deep concern as the Government. But the long-term effects of the abuse continue to pile up: as many as 12 young people formerly in care in Clwyd have died in recent years in tragic circumstances, Some have committed suicide.

The last straw was the recent announcement that the report commissioned by Clwyd County Council would not be published by the local authorities. I had no hesitation in concluding that we could not allow matters to rest there. The children who live in can; homes are among the most vulnerable members of society,

They are there, very often, because they have literally no one else to turn to. Those who prey on that vulnerability need to be rooted out and prevented from ever again being in a position to exploit the young. And the system needs to be proof against any recurrence.

That is why the Government has decided to launch a thorough inquiry into the events in Clwyd homes. William Hague will be setting out the details and terms of reference next week. And we must work to ensure that the problems that have emerged do not recur elsewhere. That is why we are inviting Sir William Utting, the former Chief Inspector of Social Services in England, to assess more widely whether the safeguards, which have been much tightened in recent years, are adequate to protect young children and properly enforced.

The picture that has emerged of events in Clwyd and the damage that has resulted is one that fills the nation with disgust. The local authorities seem unable to get to the root of the problem. The Government is determined to ensure that we get answers, and that they are acted upon.



Would London and the South-east prosper if they became an independent country?

Sunday relationship between the various bits of the UK. There will inevitably be a new relationship with Northern Ireland. If Labour wins the oext election, there will be a Scottish Assembly; if Wales wants an assembly it, too, will get one; and, just this week, Labour's Regional Policy Commission outlined plans for separate regional economie

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But if the English regions are to have more power, what are the implications for the largest region of all? What will London and the South-east have to say? There is, as yet, little resent-

ment in the South-east about the extent to which it bas to subsidise the rest of the country, no equivalent of Umberto Bossi's Lombard League in Italy. But we are at one of those moments in world history when fissures within countries are growing, where their arbitrary borders are being questioned, where a grand redefinition of countries is possible.

So let's just suppose that in the next few years, an equivalent of the Lombard League does gather strength - let's call it the Thames League - and that the South-east and London do decide they wish to form a new independent country-let's call it Albia - and let's see.

We'll take the present official

as Oxfordshire, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, but exclude Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, both part of the London commuter belt. In practice, the boundaries would be decided politically: I suspect that with

Oxford in, Cambridge would eventually join, too. This Albia would have a pop-



ulation of 17.8 million, making it a little larger than Australia, a lot larger than the Netherlands or Belgium and, to take a slightly different comparison, considerably larger than Scot-land, Ireland and Wales put together. It would, of course, be considerably richer than the UK as a whole. London's GDP is about 125 per cent of the UK's, while the South-east's is a bit over 110 per cent. It would also be quite rich by European standards: Albia would have about the same GDP per head at pur-chasing power parties, as France and Germany, maybe a little higher, and considerably higher than Italy or the Netherlands.

But how would the country appear in world terms? GDP

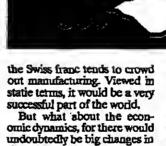
which on official figures is bigger than Russia. That says more about official calculations of GDP than it does about the real size of the Russian economy, but on my calculations, Albia would be oumber 11 in the world eco-

nomic league.

In the short term the people in Albia would be better off as citizens of an independent country. The billions that people in London and the South-east pay in subsidies to the rest of the country would be available to improve the standard of living and the public facilities of Albia. We do not have regional balance of payments figures, but Albia would probably have a current account surplus. There would be

trade deficit, with large imports of manufactured goods, though the South-east has a high-quality engineering sector. Virtually all energy would have to be imported, too.
On the other hand, most of

the UK's invisible earnings would be retained by the region. so there would be a large surplus on that score, particularly from tourism and financial services. In economic structure it would look rather like Switzerland, with relatively small manufacturing sector except in specialist areas such as pharmaceuticals, but compensated by tourism and banking. Were Albia to have its own currency (while the rest of the UK adopted the euro?) it might run into the same problem as Switwould be more than \$400bn, zerland, where the strength of important politically, it would, Albia keep the Royal Family or



the role of London, in particular. I think that Albia would gradually turn into something much more like Hong Kong or Singapore. It would lose some business in providing adminis-trative services to a large hin-terland. The other regions of England would no longer want to pay London rates for central government services. Albia, for its part, would no longer feel obliged to maintain military forces abroad, or to spend so much on diplomatic represen-tation. It would behave much more like Australia, playing an important regional role, but not pretending that it was any sort of world power. I could see it choosing not to be part of the EU (like Switzerland) while the rest of the UK remained in. If Albia would become less

I suspect, become commercially more important. It could tailor its taxation and other financial policies to suit its own needs, without having to consider the rest of the UK. No longer would politicians elected by people with no interest in the economy of London and the South-east (and maybe some hostility towards the region)

have any say in the way it organised itself. Practical matters would be no problem. We have a model in the Benefux countries of a single economic zone with open borders, and it works very well. People on the Continent often live in on country and work in another: live in France and work in Geneva, or m Sweden and in Copenhagen. There are plenty of examples of common economic zones run by different political regimes. It would be no more difficult to manage a separate Albia than to manage a separate Scotland.

There would have to be a constitutional decision: would

would it chose to be a republic? I suspect that it would actually be more likely to vote to keep the royals, certainly in the initial stages of independence, than the rest of England: the Home Counties are pretty royalist.

In short, the idea of a separate, rich, city-state centred on London is wholly practical. It would be the nearest approxi-mation, within the UK, to some of the fastest-growing economies in the world, in particu-lar, Singapore and Hong Kong. Both those places have benefited vastly from independence from their hinterland. Why should Albia not do the same?

There is only one problem. This is not going to happen. It is not going to happen because the concept of England bas too deep historical roots. Scotland, Wales and, of course, Ireland all have their own identities, separate from England's. But the South-east does not have an identity separate from the rest of England. That is the crucial difference between the Lombard League and the

Thames League: one has his-tory, the other does not. What is happening, though, is

that cities and regions are becoming relatively more important vis à vis nation-states. The various regions of what is still the UK want more say in their own affairs, quite rightly, as Labour recognises. Expect Albia to want more say, too.



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Nice theatre, shame about the play

Lottery millions for the arts should be spent on the players and audiences, not on fancy new buildings

tottery money is providing for the Larts, you may not always see spanking new shows. But boy will you get a good meal. The craziness of the way that lottery

money is distributed has led to glaring anomalies. First, the millions going out every month can only be spent on "capital projects", ie buildings. Meanwhile the far smaller annual revenue grants continue to mean cutbacks and crises in even the biggest companies. They'll have the new buildings, but they may not be able to afford the new productions to stage in them.

Second, the hitherto undreamt of

amounts of lottery money for the arts has led to the sudden discovery that what were thought to be sound buildings are in dire need of immediate replacement. Even the Royal Acadesiy of Dramatic Arts (Rada) - though I don't recall bearing previously of a crisis there - needs £22m spent on it.

The prospect of millions of pounds on tap can turn the heads of even the most renowned arts administrators, who now dream of being Marco Pierre White. The Royal Court Theatre, the national centre for new writing, in its

n the spanking new buildings that

for the spanking new buildings that beneath Sloane Square. Chelsea is not exactly short of restaurants; aspiring young writers are short of funding. But the former can get lottery money, the latter cannot. Then there is my favourite piece of

lottery lunacy, the English National Opera. First it wanted money to paint its striking and distinguished blue auditorium red. Now it wants to go considerably further. It is considering applying for money to move out of its bome at the London Coliseum altogether. Never mind that the Government bought the theatre for the company only four years ago, never mind that it is brilliantly situated in the buzz and beart of theatreland. There is money for new buildings about, so why not move lock, stock and barrel to the less than salubrious Kings Cross area? Besides, the

Coliseum hasn't got a restaurant.

I shudder to think of the extent to which architects and builders have "adjusted" their prices for arts venues to take advantage of lottery mania. No investigation into that possibility has been carried out. It might have fasci-



The system clearly has in change. And at last the opportunity is here to change it. The Heritage Secretary Virginia Bottomley and the Arts Council have agreed to widen the remit for lottery spending on the arts to include people, education projects and accessibility as well as buildings. An excellent consultation paper is being issued and the changes will be implemented from September.

Partly as a pre-election vote winner, and partly no doubt out of genuine concern, Mrs Bottomley has let it be known she wants to invest in young talent, in people as well as buildings. To avoid the need for new legislation she has co-opted a phrase that is consistent with investing in capital projects. People are "burnan capital". New artistic and concert prices have increased so about what went on inside them.

work is also a capital scheme because it leaves "a permanent legacy."

Mrs Bottomley's wishes some lottery

money to be spent on dance and drama students, who unlike their contemporaries at art and music schools do not receive mandatory grants (while local anthorities are increasingly loath to give discretionary grants). It does seem ludi-crous that the lottery can provide £22m to give Rada an upgraded building, but talented students from poorer families cannot take up their places there.

Nevertheless, this would be an unwise use of lottery money. It cannot be used for long-term policy commit-ments as ticket sales could go down, future governments could change the list of good causes, the arts could cease to be a beneficiary of lottery money alto-gether. The simple answer is for the Secretary of State for Education, Gillian Shephard, to bring drama and dance into line with art and music, with smdent fees paid by mandatory awards.

What I would like to see happen from September is a change of focus from the arts practitioners to the arts consumers. The best way of doing this is to reduce ticket prices. Many theatre repair. We were all too busy talking

steeply that going regularly is less and less an option. Going as a family needs a second mortgage.
Other methods of increasing access

must also be a priority. No arts building by the year 2000 should have any difficulties for handicapped members of the audience. And why not use lottery money for proper street lighting around arts venues, car parking and late night transport - all intrinsie parts of an aesthetic night out

Lottery money must also be put into touring. Outside London the taxpayers who fund companies like the Royal Ballet and English National Opera cannot see them in action.

A perceotage of lottery money needs to be earmarked for new work. Bursaries to belp young writers, artists and composers would be a more constructive way of investing lottery money in the future. More constructive, frankly, than a never-ending list of refurbished buildings. Indeed before the lottery millions came available, it is hard to recall actual consumers complaining about most of the buildings that we are now told are in dismal

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Gabriel Benitez Esperón

Nobody knows how many vary between 2 and 5 million. By far the majority still live at home and are sent to earn contribution made by this army of child workers often represents the most important source of income for the many families living in abject poverty.
It was in Mexico City, talking

to the children who lived or worked no the streets, that Gabriel Benitez Esperón came to appreciate the extent of the problems they faced. He re-alised that they have different needs from orphaned ar abandoned children. Youngsters who take to the streets, because of family poverty or abuse in the hnme, have to become totally self-reliant to survive. Some turn to crime, others to drugs but all become addicted to freedom. When taken into orphanages or homes, they rarely stay for more than few days before absconding. To conquer this addiction to freedom was. Benitez considered, the most difficult challenge faced by any

The welfare of deprived children became his concern as soon as he graduated in history from Puehla's UDLA University. He went first tn the High Sierra to teach Mexican-Indian children, then, when he was 26, the Fuad Abed Halahi Foundation offered him the position of co-ordinator of their social and educational programme in Mexico. Unicef approached him to design the first educational packs on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (1990), which were circulated to schools and teachers

throughout the country. It was while working with the Fuad Foundation that Benitez met his wife. Sarah Thomas, a formidable young woman who had left the British Embassy in Mexico to set up a project for are encouraged to return to street children. They matched cach other well in idealism, good looks and an ability to

for their chosen work. Gahriel vnungsters work on the streets Benitez had an aura of convicof Mexico's cities. Estimates tion about him. Immediately you met him you knew, without douht, here was a good man, and his dedication was money by their parents. The matched by an imaginative and innovative approach to problems.

Children are drawn to Mexico City from all over the country, and once there they disappear into the urban sprawl and it is difficult to help them. Much better, Gabriel and Sarah helieved, to catch them along the way before they drifted into the capital. They chose Puehla, the old merchant town some 60 miles south-east of Mexico City where Gabriel was

born, to begin their work.

Any night in the hus station they would see bewildered children who had just arrived, or others, already street-wise, sleeping on the ground. The children kept alive by carrying luggage, selling single cigarettes, juggling or sometimes picking pockets. And always there was the smell of the cheap solvents which they sniffed to ward off hunger and give hemselves a high.

Funded by the International Children's Trust of Peterborough, Sarah set up Junto con los Ninos (Juconi) and Gabriel became a fellow worker and operational director of the project The programme for street children hegan with Operation Friendship, in which student volunteers and social workers went on to the streets day and night to befriend and gain the trust of the children and to motivate them to change their life

The next stage was building Casa Juconi, a half-way house which Benitez helped design eration and participation. Wherever possible the children their families and support is then given to the family unit. Where this is not possible, chilinspire others with enthusiasm dren are helped to go to school



or take up apprenticeships and training. But always for Gabriel it was "junto con los ninos -together with the children".

The day centre set up next by Juconi offers working children a shower, a meal and emergency medical treatment. Many come in after a morning's work, spend the afternoon on basic education and creative work before returning to the streets for an evening shift. Families are encouraged to come in and are helped to establish production units so that children can go to school, many for the first time.

Benitez also organised regular meetings to encourage women to realise their own potendal. When local elections were coming up, one group of only in Mexico but, encouraged

women who were meeting reg-ularly invited the candidates along to explain their policies. The male politicians arrived, armed with a few platitudes, expecting a silent, respectful audience. But the women had planned their questions heforehand, refused to be folibed off and in no uncertain terms told the politicians what they would have to do to gain their votes. To Benitez's delight, the women had achieved this themselves. The outcome was im-

proved street lighting and better facilities at the local school. The success of the Benitez-Thomas project has seen its ideas for helping street and working children replicated not

by Unesco, in many countries where similar problems exist. At the end of last year Gabriel and Sarah handed over Juconi in Mexico to a new director and left for Guayaquil in Ecuador to begin their work over again. His sudden death there at only 34 is a tragedy not only for his wife and children but also for the larger family of street children to whom he brought the hope of a new life.

Lynn ten Kate Gabriel Eduardo Benitez Esperón, charity worker: born Puebla, Mexico 6 January 1962; married 1989 Sarah Thomas (one son, one daughter); died Guayaquil, Ecuador 1 June

Winifred Wilson

Winifred Wilson was an old-fashioned picture dealer to lisher Raphael Tuck. One of her whom the chase, the find and the enjoyment of the image were more important than ac-cepted names and expanding profit margins. I first entered ber shop in Uckfield high street in 1969, curious about a paint-ing by Leila Faithfull. After watching me carefully as I turned it over and scrutinised the Leicester Galleries label on the reverse, she remarked tartly: "You're more interested in the back than the front."

The customer prepared to take such jibes in good part found that the rather gloomy, double-fronted interior of W.F. Wilson repaid regular visits. Winifred had an exceptional eye for furniture, glass, porcelain, silver and other coverable obects, backed by years of dealing and reading. She had a large library of books and magazines on shelves, floor and stairs for reference, provided she could remember where anything was. Pictures remained her first love. Years before Newlyn School canvases fetched five-figure sums in the boom of the 1980s, Wilson was selling Cornish painters such as Dod Procter, Fred Hall, Lamorna Birch and J.A. Park in the low hundreds of pounds. The privileged were admitted

to Wilson's tiny sitting-room above the shop. There, in front of the constant fire and in the company of her two miniature dachshunds, her Clausen drawing of the young farmworker, the McEvoys of girls, the Gem-mell Hutchison of the paddling girl, the Therese Lessore of the circus and Euston Road Schoolish portrait of a young woman (attribution never solved), they would be offered "a quick snort" of Madeira or whisky, al-ways urged to have "the other half" before leaving. Wilson assembled a sort of salon of young dealers and picture enthusiasts keen to hear her

anecdotes and opinions. Winnie the Hat. She always wore one in the shop, and a grandchild asked: "Does grand-

ma wear her hat in bed, too?" She loved her garden, behind the shop, and Sussex, where she spent the later part of her life, but her apprenticeship had been in London. She was born in Tatsfield, Surrey, in 1907, one of four sons and four daughters of Howard Neville Walford, a watercolourist whose country gardens and cottages found

sisters became Norah Smallwood of Chatto & Windus. Equally formidable, Norah rose from secretary to chairman, having persuaded the firm that she could type when she could not. Winifred was sent to boarding school and hated it, being then thoid and easily bullied.

Her youthful years are a mystery. She claimed to have owed much to the teaching of Marguerite Steen, later a notable novelist and companion of the painter William Nicholson. She was also friendly with the family of the scholar G. Lowes Dickinson, the son of an artist. Winifred became an excellent

restorer and liner, learning much from her husband, R.E.A. (Ted) Wilson, now largely forgotten, but between the wars a Masters. He was a tall, cadaverons man of great presence, and a fierce parent. It was dinner by eight, no children in the sitting-room and classical music only. It was his stricture she remembered when looking at pictures: "All you need to know s on the front." After working on a newspa-

per in his native Yorkshire Ted Wilson moved to London before the First World War and by the early 1920s he had set up the Eldar Gallery. Winifred seems to have met him about then. His next venture, from 1927, was the Savile Gallery, where his partner and hacker was Mark Oliver. Wilson acted astutely for Walter Sickert, many of his best pictures passing through the Savile's hands.

Winifred remembered how Sickert ran up one of his large taxi bills and sent a picture to Ted Wilson with the request to settle what was on the clock. She cherished a telegram from Sickert: "Come to lunch, and bring

She was known to one as

The Depression killed off the Savile, so Wilson dealt on his own. He produced fine, scholarly catalogues stuffed with Micbelangelo, Andrea del Sario, Tiepolo, Fuseli and others. The 1940s and after proved tougher. When a bomh fell in a neighbour's basement in Bed-ford Gardens Wilson defied a warden's suggestion that they stay put. Ten minutes after they left the bomb went off, de-stroying a house lined with Old Masters and other treasures. They were uninsured. Sorting through the rubble Winifred found only a green pottery cat

- which always remained with her - and one wellington boot. During the war Winifred Wilson drove an ambulance and acted as a chauffeuse to VIPs. A bookshop and antique shop of sorts followed in Kensington Church Street, and the post-war period eventually found the Wilsons living in Sussex, finally at Hove. They sold books by post. Ted was a lot old-er than Winifred, and she had to nurse him while trying to make ends meet.

After Ted died, in the early 1960s, she was walking through Uckfield with her grandsons when they spotted a motorcy-cle shop which became her premises. Her friend the painter Sylvia Gosse gave her £200, a bank manager lent money and Winifred moved in many of her possessions as stock.

By now her timidity was evaporating, and the rather for-midable Winifred hlossomed. I recall her reaction when a hesitant customer, parked on a yellow line, left the shop to reason with a traffic warden. Striding to the door, Winifred shouted: Don't let them hully you!"

It was an unusual shop for a workaday Sussex town, for Bohemian types were to be encountered in it. A notable picture expert was so casually dressed as he sipped his Ma-deira that a customer afterwards remarked: "Winifred was entertaining a tramp yesterday." It was the same expert who. commenting to Winifred Wilson that she was in good shape for 70, drew the retort: "I've still got the best legs in the business."

David Buckman

Winifred Florence Walford, pic-ture dealer: born Tatsfield, Surrey 10 June 1907; married Richard Edward Arnesby Wilson (deceased; one son, two daughters); died Whitesmith, Sussex 29 6

Richard Robinson

work was actually relevant and highly effective.

His career certainly looked conventional enough. He came from a middle-class family, and went to public school (Repton) and Oxford (Oriel College), where he took a double First in Classical Greats. He studied obilosophy at Oxford and Marburg, taught philosophy at Cornell University for nearly 20 years and then hack at Oriel College for more than 20 years, and lived quietly in retirement for nearly 30 years. He was happily married for more than 60

Robinson was a successful teacher and administrator, at both Cornell and Oxford, and several generations of philosophy students on both sides of the ity and commitment. He was also a successful author, writing

Greek philosophy, especially Plato and Aristotle, and also producing his own books - The Province of Logic (1931) and Definition (1950) - which were respected by his peers.

However, Robinson had an influence far beyond the groves of academe through An Atheist's Values, which was published by the Oxford University Press in 1964 and reprinted in paperback by Blackwell in 1975. This is a work of philosophy indeed, but it was written in a popular style as a course of lectures and contains no technical language or abstract speculation.

It is an elegant and eloquent exposition of the acsthetic and ethical values held by a person of intelligence and integrity who stands at the end of 2.500 years of discussion of the subject and who rejects all the supernatural and superhuman

Richard Robinson's life may and editing articles for philo- means of support so often sughave seemed that of a remote sophical journals, writing and gested for such principles. Afand ineffectual don, but his translating and editing books on ter putting the old question of what is good, it considers various goods (life, beauty, truth, reason, love, conscientiousness), politely but firmly rejects the alleged goods of religion, and ends with a discussion of political goods (state, equality, freedom, tolerance, peace and iusnice, democracy).

An Atheist's Values is one of the hest short accounts of liberalism (a term Robinson accepted) and humanism (a term he ignnred) produced during the present century, all the more powerful for its lucidity and moderation, its wit and wisdom. It may now seem old-fashioned, hut during those confused alarms of struggle and fight between the ig-norant armies of left and right, thousands of readers must have taken inspiration from Richard Robinson's rational defence of rationalism.

at the Battle of Naseby, 1645; the Vat-ican announced that the Index of Pro-

hibited Books was abolished, 1966; a ceasefire was agreed in the Falk-lands, 1982. Today is the Feast Day of St Dogmael, St Methodius the Confessor and Saints Valerius and

National Gallery: Ann Dumas, "Artists as Collectors (ii): Degas's

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Jeremy Hanley MP, Minister of

State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, hosted a luncheon at

Lancaster House, London SW1, in

honour of a Parliamentary Delega-

tion from the Arab Republic of

Judge Ann Goddard QC, President,

British Academy of Forensic Sci-

ences, yesterday delivered her Presidential Address, entitled "Child

British Academy of

Forensic Sciences

Lectures

Collection", tpm.



It is a pity that it is now out nf print, when there is still so much nonsense and so little sense in the world.

Nicolas Walter

Richard Robinson, philosopher. born Watton, Norfolk 12 April 1902; married 1933 Elizabeth

Le Mai, the Deputy Foreign bodia, leading to its invasion of Minister of Victnam, was one of his country's more able diplobecome Hanoi's first ambassador to Washington or even to succeed as Foreign Minister. In either of these positions, he process of Vietnam's emergence from its long years of international isolation. A fluent speaker of English, Le Mai first gained experience

Pestereff: died Oxford 6 May

mais. He had been expected to would have contributed to the

of the outside world during the early 1970s as a member of the Vietnamese team which held lengthy, arduous negotiations in Paris with the Americans to put an end to their involvement in the war. However, the agree-ment signed in 1973 did not bring the peace and reconcili-

ation many Vietnamese had hoped for. Nor did Hanoi's eventual victory two years on. Vietnam soon became emhroiled in another struggle, this time with neighbouring Cam-

act of self-defence as well as a humanitarian gesture in liberating the Cambodians from the barbarous rule of Pol Pot, Vietnamese diplomats had a hard time over the next decade justifying their country's continuing military presence in Cambodia. It was this issue which put Le Mai's skills to the test.

He was appointed Vietnamese ambassador to Thailand at a time when hostility between the two countries was at its height. Yet, even in the strained atmosphere of Bangkok, he made friends in diplomatic circles and the international press through his non-aggressive han-dling of the Cambodian issue. His task became easier after 1986 when the leadership in Hanoi adopted a policy of eco-nomic reform and more political flexibility. This was a course Le Mai clearly agreed with and

Deputy Foreign Ministers. In this role he worked to improve relations with all the

neighbouring countries of South East Asia grouped to-gether in ASEAN (the Association of South East Asian Nations) as well as the United States. In negotiating with Washington, however, the main obstacle proved to be the issue of tracing those American servicemen still listed as missing in action following the end of the war. Once more Le Mai was called upon to exercise great diplomatic tact as one delegation after another from the United States descended on

Hanoi demanding information. Eventually he was to prove successful. Within the past two years, the Clinton administration has agreed to lift the longstanding American trade embargo on Vietnam and nor-

ASEAN, with many diplomats in the region giving much of the credit for this achievement to the skilful diplomacy of Le Mai. Indeed they would have preferred to see him as Vietnam's Foreign Minister rather than the present somewhat stiff and doctrinaire incumbent.

On the other hand, during the past few years. Le Mai has made no secret of his poor health. Now it has proved fatal and the many friends he has made for Vietnam will be at a loss as to who to turn to, particularly as the country battens down its hatches in preparation for what looks like a very crucial Communist Party Congress.

Judy Stowe

Le Mai, politician: born Hue, Vietnam 1940; married (two children); died Hanoi 12 June

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other reason to impede its

enforcement, it would he

enforced according to its terms.

clauses, the courts had recog-

nised that they were open to abuse and had exercised a wide

In the case of garden leave

Births, Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

PARR: On S June 1996, to Amanda (nice Windsor) and Tun, a son, William James, brother for Tom and Beth. KELSON: On 31 May 1996, to Debe-rah (nee Coburn) and Jan, a beauti-ful daughter, Rachel Sarah, a sister for Erama and Richard.

DEATHS

SIMONDS-GOODING: Harry An-SIMONIS-GOODING: Harry Anthony, died tragically aged 17 on 10 June in Cornwall - the beloved son of Fiona, of Weybridge, and Anthony, of Holmbury St Mary. Brother to Rupert, Lucinda, Dominique, Benedici. George and Sam; stepson of Marjoric and stepbrother of Dan: grandson of Rosic and Hamilton and step-grandson of Wendy; uncle to Ezra. Arle, Thomas and Sage; brother-in-law of Nicky, Ken and Mark. All these and his many, many thinds and relations will remember him always. Funeral to be beld at midhim always, Funeral to be held at mid-day on Friday 21 June at Cluist, the Prince of Peace Church, Portmore Way, Weshridge, Surrey, Floral trib-utes or donations, if wished, in utes nr donations, it wisned, in Macmillan Cancer Relief Young Ap-peal or Surfers Against Sewage (St Agnes, Cornwall) co Lodge Bros, 36 High Street, Weybridge KT13 8AB. Telephone 01932 854758.

von MOTESICZKY: Marie-Louise namer, died suddenly in hospital on 10 June. Friends and family will nev-er forget her murvellnus personality. Funeral service on 20 June at 11 30am at Goldens Green Crematorium. Marie-Louise loved flowers.

For Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS please telephone 0171-293 2011 or fax to 0171-293 2010. Charges are £6.50 a line (VAT extra).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B. M. L. Smith and Miss K. H. Ryder Richardson The engagement is announced be-tween Benedict, younger son of Mr Alan Smith, of St John's Wood. London, and Mrs Adele Smith, of Cumbe, Oxfordshire, and Katie.

middle daughler of Mr and Mrs David Ryder Richardson, of

Whitchurch, Buckinghamshire

Birthdays

Sir James Black, pharmacologist, 72; Mr Paul Boateng MP, 45; Dame Florence Cayford, former GLC councillor, 99; Miss Steffi Graf, tennis player, 27; Lady Healey, biogra-pher, 78; Mr David LeRoy-Lewis, former chairman, Henry Ansbacher Holdings, 78; Air Marshal Sir Arthur McDonald, 93; Miss Dorothy McGuire, actress, 77; Mrs Yvonne Moores, Chief Nursing Officer and Director of Nursing, Department at Health, 55; Sir Gerrard Peat, char-Rahan, novelist and travel writer, 54 Miss Kathleen Raine, poet, 88; Dame Rosemary Rue, former president. BMA, 68; Mr Pierre Salinger, politi-cian and journalist, 71; Mr Antony Sher, actor and writer, 47; Mr Nigel Short, chess player, 31; Professor Trevor Smith, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ulster, 59; Mr James Wright, Vice Chancellor, Newcastleupon-Ine University, 57; Mr Mike Yarwood, entertainer and impres-

Anniversaries Births: Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni, composer, 167t; Thomas Pennant, traveller and naturalist, 1726; Harrici Beecher Stowe, povelist, 1811;

Sam Wanamaker (Samuel Waten-maker), actor, director and produc-Court. Judge Neil Denison QC also spoke. The meeting was chaired by Dr David Jenkins and was followed er, 1919. Deaths: Count Giacumo Leopardi, poet and philosopher. by a dinner for members and their 1837; Jerome Klapka Jerome, writer, 1927; Emmeline Pankhurst (née sts at the Society of Apothecaries, Goulden), women's rights champion, 1928; Gilbert Keith Chesterton, au-1928; Gilbert Keith Chesterion, au-thor, 1936; Maxim Gorky (Alexei Maximovich Pyeshkov), author, 1936; John Logie Baird, television pi-oneer, 1946; Jorge Luis Borges, Ar-gentine author. 1986; Alan Jay Lerner, lyricist and playwright, 1986. On this day: King Charles I's troops were defeated by Cromwell's army at the Bayle of Nasely. 1645; the Vit-Royal Society Sir Martin Wood FRS vesterday de livered the Royal Society Clifford Pa-terson Lecture, "Superconductivity

will the dream come true?" at the Royal Society, London SW1. Sir John Horlock FRS was in the chair.

Synagogue services Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 9.05pm.

United Synagogues: 0171-387 4300. Federation of Synagogues: 0181-202 2263. Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues: 0171-380 1663. Reform Synagogues: of Great Britain: 0181-349 473 L. Spanish and Portaguase Jews Congregation: 0171-289 2573. New London Synagogue (Masortil: 0171-338 1926.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Dube of Edinburgh, Patron, opens the new Hendquartees of the Royal National Institute for Deaf People at 19-21 Seatherstone Serect, London ECU; as Fatron of the Shahespeare Globe Trust, vints Shahespeare's Globe, London SEI; and an Prenicient, astends the 1996 Formal Agreement Studeny of the Communication of Southernead Students of conference dissure at the Monat House International Hotel, Cleston. The Frince of Values officially opens the Sandwork Bay Winderwater Themmore Monta, pear Ramagair, Seart. The Princes Royal, President, Steve the Children Fund, attends the Regional Recorption at Prosect Hanne, Westmonth, Dotsett and with Hallon Lee, Peole Hanton. Dorset. The Dubt of Rest, Chanceller, Sarvey University, president at the Conferences of Degrees Cerestions, Guidels at Confederal, Sarvey, and as Field Marshel, attends, a times give, by the Secretary of State for Defence in binson of the US Secretary is a Defense, at Apoley House. London by 1.

Changing of the Guard The Household Carathy Mounted Regiment mounts the Gueen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Limit; for Bontalion, World Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckleyshum Patron, 11.3 Cast, band provided by the

Restrictions enforced after 'garden leave'

Ltd v Armstrong and others; Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Morrin and Lord Justice Hutchison) 15 May 1996

An employer was entitled to enforce a restrictive covenant, preventing an employee who had resigned from dealing with nr snliciting husiness from his former clients for a period of six months after the expiry of his notice period, notwithstanding that during that notice period, itself six months, the

employee had been put on "garden leave". There was nn basis on which the court could set off the one against the nther. The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the defendants, 10 former employees of the plaintiff, Credit Suisse Asset Management Ltd, against the decision of David Steel QC. sitting as a deputy High Court judge on 28 February 1996, who granted the plaintiff an interlocutory injunction enforcing restrictive covenants in the de-

tracts for six months following their departure. Patrick Elias QC and Gerard Clarke (Rowe & Maw) for the defendants; Michael Burton QC and Andrew Clarke (Theodore Goddard) for the

fendants' employment con-

LAW REPORT

14 June 1996

Lord Justice Nell said the 10 tice that a court would not defendants had worked for the plaintiff in its private clients division. In the summer of 1995 the firm's senior management sought to introduce various changes in the way clients' portfolios were supervised by fund managers. The defendants were unhappy about the changes and on various dates thereafter handed in their notice. They were immediately placed on "garden leave". They continued to he employed by the plaintiff but were not required to undertake any duties in relation to fund

management It became apparent that the defendants were seeking employment with a rival firm, James Capel & Co Ltd. The plaintiff sought to rely on restrictive covenants controlling the defendants' activities for a period after their contracts of employment had terminated.
The principal issue was

whether the plaintiff was entitled to the further six months of protection provided by the restrictive covenant in addition to the six months already provided by the gardening leave.

ment, either by way of specific performance or by the granting of an injunction having similar effect. But the courts had come to recognise

that there might be cases where either the employer, or more rarely the employee, was entitled to refuse to accept a repudiation. In recent years, the ability of an employer to refuse to accept a repudiation had led to a number of developments. Un-certainty as to the enforceability

enforce a contract of employ-

of restrictive covenants had influenced the introduction of garden leave clauses. Such clauses enabled employers to obtain protection from competition by people who wished to leave their employment hat who might have confidential information or important contacts with customers or clients which the employer wished to terminate before the end of the

notice period. The court's reaction to these clauses had been more flexible than in the case of restrictive covenants. If a restrictive covenant was found to be valid. as at the date when the contract It was a normal rule of prac- of employment came into ex-

discretion when enforcing them, both as to the period of the injunction and as to its scope. The court could exercise its discretion in deciding the permissible length of garden leave.

but if the restrictive covenant was valid the employer was entitled to have it enforced, subject to the usual grounds on which an injunction might be withheld, such as delay and a finding that damages would be an adequate remedy. Moreover, the existence of a garden leave clause might be a factor to be taken into acount in determining the validity of a restrictive covenant as at the date of the contract. It would have been open to

the defendants to try to limit the period during which the garden clause applied; but if the restrictive covenant was valid it had to be enforced. There was no juridical basis on which the court could allow some kind of set off against the period of

Paul Magrath, Barrister

garden leave.

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Surprise drop in inflation prompts hopes of rate cut

The sun was shining on Ken-oeth Clarke, the Chancellor, yesterday. News of a surprise fall in inflatioo last month prompted City analysts to predict another cut in interest rates as early as oext month. David Mackie, UK economist at investment bank JP Morgan, said: "Looking at this week's figures, I'm sure the Chancelfor can justify in his own mind another quarter point fall in

base rates in July."
Yesterday's favourable retail price inflation figures followed others earlier in the week showing lower-than-expected inflation at the factory gate in May, along with stable underlying earnings and a fall in manufacturing output in April.

The headline rate of inflation dropped to 2.2 per cent, the lowest since September 1994, from 2.4 per cent in May. The target measure of inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments, edged down to 2.8 per cent after sticking at 2.9 per cent for three months.

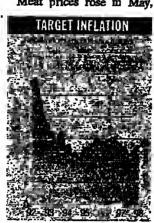
The tax and price index, the broadest indicator of the cost of living, grew at its slowest rate for more than three years in the year to May. It rose by only 0.7 per cent in 12 months, thanks to the income tax cuts that came

into effect in April. "The outlook for inflation is said lan Shepherdson at HSBC Markets, although he thought Mr Clarke might bold out until September before cutting the cost of borrowing again. As sharp increases in the retail prices index last August and

September drop out of the 12-month rate, headline inflation

should fall further. The main contributions to last month's decline in the headline rate were lower mortgages and a drop in seasonal food prices. Seasonal foods now cost 0.5 per cent less than a year earlier, having risen significantly earlier in the year. Lower crop yields due to bad weather conditions are likely to take them higher again, the Office for National Statistics

Meat prices rose in May,



hacon more than offsetting a small fall in beef prices. However, meat made a oegative contribution to the year-on-year inflation rate because poultry

prices were higher last year. Clothing and footwear prices were 1.2 per cent lower than a year earlier, matching the low-est rate since July 1953. Summer sales could put further downward pressure on clothes

and personal goods also helped trim the 12-month inflation rate. The rate of increase in prices of services is at its low-

est for 10 years.
The main upward pressure came from motoring costs. Sec-

ond-hand car prices rose, hav-ing fallen last May.

The target measure of infla-tion, the RPI less mortgage in-terest payments, declined to 2.8

It remains above the Gov-ernment's 2.5 per cent target, but most economists predict that it will decline towards the

would bring lower interest rates into prospect. Mr Clarke referred to the absence of any cost pressures when he sprang his surprise quarter-point base rate reduction last week. In his speech at the Mansion House finner on Wednesday he said that if he could cut interest rates again without jeopardising the flation targe, he would,

the year to require base rate in-creases next year. "Other indicators such as consumer demand and service industry pay suggest that sustained in-flation below 2.5 per cent is unlikely," said Kevin Darlington, UK economist at Hoare

Financial markets are betting the increasing vigour of con-sumer spending.

target level later this year. Further falls in inflation

However, many analysts still think demand will be expand-ing fast enough by the end of

that the level of base rates will start to climb next year. Offi-cial figures next week for retail sales and consumer credit in May are expected to confirm



Cut-price Asda steals a march on rivals

Archie Norman's price-cutting tactics have made Asda the most improved performer in the supermarket wars. Meanwhile Tesco is continuing to outper-form arch-rival Sainsbury's with Safeway back in fourth place.

The trends are indentified in the latest market share figures from AGB, the market research group. They show that in the four weeks to 2 June, Tesco in-creased its UK share to 2L1 per

ceot against 20.7 per cent the crease is 12 per cent. Asda has lts Reward loyalty scheme on previous year. This makes it the styled itself as the cheaper al-Monday. According to a leaked can be redeemed at branches of clear market leader ahead of Sainsbury's, whose share has fallen from 19.1 to 16.6 per cent. Asda has consolidated its position as number three in the market ahead of Safeway with a rise

from 10.9 to 12.3 per cent. It is also understood that Asda's like-for-like sales continue to outperform most in the industry. In the six months to April, comparative sales rose 10.5 per cent. Since April the in-

ternative to its rivals with highprofile campaigns on the price of books, bananas and non-prescription medicines.

As Asda shares rose 2.75p to 120.75p, Tony MacNeary, food retail analyst at NatWest Securities, said: "It is a stunning performance. I'm not sure where the growth is coming from but with figures like these they do not need a loyalty card."
Sainsbury's is due to launch Monday. According to a leaked internal memo, the company will need to increase sales by 2-4 per cent to cover the costs of the card. Tesco's ClubCard required a sales uplift of around

2 per cent to pay for itself. The Reward card will offer Sainsbury's customers a 1 per cent discount on goods, with one point earned for every £1 spent above £5. This compares with Tesco's minimum of £10. The first set of vouchers will

can be redeemed at branches of Homebase and Texas Homecare as well as Sainsbury's supermarkets.

It is understood that the initial card will be a simple discount scheme, though other facilities could be added.

Tesco's ClubCard also started as a straight voucher offer. It has since signed deals with Lunn Poly and B&Q. Last

Kiss FM wins new Yorkshire

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

They'll be dancing to new tunes in Yorkshire following the award last night of the new regional radio licence to Kiss FM, sister of the dance music radio station currently operating in Manchester.

The hotly contested award by the Radio Authority could revive concerns, however, about the growing concentration of



Dancing in the Daies: One of radio's success stories

national advertising sales, al-ready dominated by MSM, the sale house owned by Capital

Kiss, owned by a consortium led by Eastern Counties Newspapers and local partners called Faze Two, will use MSM to handle its sales, the company confirmed last night. In its original application, it had promised to use IRS, the only real competition, but IRS collapsed earlier this year when media giant Emap moved significant business

With the oew Yorkshire licence oow in the MSM camp, Capital's share, already at 61 per cent, will go much higher, leading to renewed concerns over conditional selling and other

potential abuses of monopoly position.

The Office of Fair Trading has so far refused at act, arguing that Capital has given assurances that it will not act in an arti-competitive manner.

The Incorporated Society of British Advertisers said last night that its earlier warnings about concentration in the market had gone unheeded. "All I can say tonight is I told you so," John Hooper, the ISBA'a director, said.

Guy Hornsby, managing di-rector of Kiss 102 in Manchester, said that a dedicated sales force within MSM would handle the Kiss account in Yorkshire, and dismissed concerns about concentration.

The award to Kiss FM comes just 18 months after the launch of the company's Manchester service, which has proven one of the most successful in commercial radio. The company leases its brand name, Kiss, from Emap, which owns the Kiss 100 dance station in London. Emap will provide some marketing support, bot has no equity position in the Yorkshire licence holder.

However, competitors warned last night that the Emap competitors connection could lead to a change in ownership in the fu-ture. "If the Kiss brand is so suc-cessful in Yorkshire, it won't be long before Emap starts to think about taking the name back," said a senior executive at ooe of the rival Yorkshire

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SIB bans derivative use to pay for takeovers

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the use of complex derivative in-struments as a way of helping

Takeover Panel said that any party to a takeover bid would have to disclose derivatives holdings as if they were shares. The move is aimed at pre-

venting n repeat of last year's furore over Swiss Bank Corporation's use of options to huild stakes in Northern Electric and other electricity companies role in helping to determine the

was able to offset its costs through use of "contracts for bidders pay for takeover costs. differences" in Northern shares In a parallel move, the and a number of other electricity companies. Although the takeover bld

subsequently failed, Northern complained bitterly to the Takcover Panel, sparking a 15month inquiry into the use and disclosure of derivatives trading. SIB's involvement as the

leading City regulator follows its

The regulator yesterday is-sued a consultation document which it claimed would introduce greater clarity in the market. Andrew Large, SIB chairman, said: "In the fastmoving and innovative derivatives market, it is important for firms to know what they can and

"Our aim in producing this guidance is to protect the integrity of the markets and provide valuable predictability for

have been accepted by Chan Sek

Keong, the attorney-general.

lapse, which was caused by

in Asian futures and options that

plunged the bank £860m into the

"By clarifying the regulation of this area, we aim to underpin the market integrity which regulators and the industry are keen to maintain." The new roles mean that hidders must disclose any pre-

existing indirect stakes under new Takover Panel requiremeots when an offer is announced, even if they may not be disclosable under the Companies Act.

A SIB spokeswoman yester-

when advising on a takeover bid by its client, Trafalgar House.
The Securities and Investments Board yesterday moved to ban the way of secured by the Trafalgar amounced it was bidding for Northern, SBC will always be accompanied to the way of the securities and investments are concerned to avoid the abuse of markets, inadvertent as well as deliberate.

It is understood, however, that concern in the way derivatives and investment as well as deliberate. was "forward-looking rather

than dwelling on the past". The matter of whether any disciplinary action could or would be taken against SBC was a mat-ter for its own regulator, the Se-curities and Futures Authority. Regulatory sources said that

had this document been ap-proved prior to Trafalgar's hid for Northern Electric, it would not have been possible for document carefully before re-SBC's use of futures to go ahead in the same way.

have complained to the SIB in the past year or so.

An SFA spokesman said: "This is an area that we wanted to clarify and does not just concern one company. We are at the moment in a dialogue with SBC which is continuing and I am not in a position to go into details at the moment. SBC said it would study the

sponding directly to the SIB.

Barings bosses not to be charged

son, will not face criminal charges in Singapore over the collapse of Barings, Britain's oldest merchant bank

The Singapore government's Commercial Affairs Department said yesterday that there were "insufficient grounds" to bring charges, bringing its 15-month investigation into Bar-ings, now owned by Dutch financial group ING, to a close.

Mr Bax was mavailable for comment. George Lim, the lawyer representing Mr Jones, said: "He [Jones] has always asserted his innocence." Two other people investigated

who will not face criminal proceedings are Edmund Wong, a director of Contact Software En-gineering, which supplied Barings' computerised settlement system, and Daniel Argy-ropoulos, a close friend of the jailed Leeson and a trader with FCT (Singapore).

There has been strong spec-

James Bax and Simon Jones, the immediate bosses of Nick Lee-with helping Leeson in his unauspokesman said. The findings

thorised trades. "After careful consideration of all the evidence, the Commercial Affairs Department has recommended to the attorneygeneral that there are insuffi-



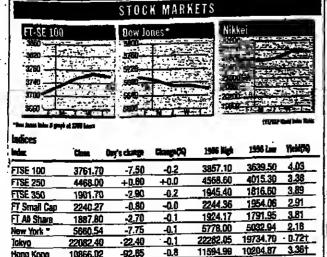
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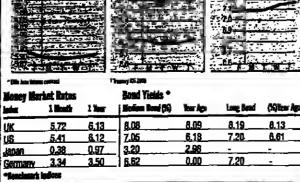
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The report accused senior managers at Barings with covering up losses on some of the trades made by Leeson, who is serving six and a half years in jail, and preventing internal auditors	••••
from probing them. It specifically mentioned Peter Norris, head of investment banking in London, and Mr Bax, who had his passport confiscated by the Singapore authorities.	what can it
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Southern Electric promises price cuts in water bid battle

Southern Electric yesterday promised price cuts of around £10 a year to customers of Southern Water if its £1.6bn bid for the water supplier is successful. The offer to ameliorate price increases by up to 4 per cent of over the next three years compares with a 3 per cenl reduction over two years being offered by rival bidder Scottish Power.

Southern Electric, which also announced it was cutting bills for its own customers by 4 per cent, said it hoped the reductions would set its deal "on the start of the road to clearance" by the water regulator, Ofwat. Henry Casley, chief executive, said: "We are not counting any chickens as far as this is concerned. We are optimistic, but not complacent. We will continue the dialogue with the regulator and with the Department of Trade and Industry and hope that leads to eventual clearance." Scottish Power dismissed the

move, which accompanied the publication of Southern Electric's offer document. A spokesman for the Glasgowbased group said: "This document shows Southern Electric's concerns about the competition we will bring to the region. We recognise the importance of a customer dividend. It is interesting to note they are follow-

ing our lead." Southern Water is already committed to raising its bills by 1 percentage point less than than the 8 per cent over inflation allowed this year by the reg-ulator. The REC says it will continue the water company's policy of keeping prices below MAIN POINTS FROM YESTERDAY'S ELECTRICITY RESULTS

ELECTRICITY

London Electricity: underlying 5 per cent profits fall to £183m disappoints despite promise of real increase in dividends.



Southern Electric: promising to slice £10 a year off Southern Water customers, bills if its bid goes ahead. Says it will cut domestic bills for its own customers. by 4 per cent after decision by Offer to slash the socalled "nuclear levy". Average bill will fall to £265 a



Scottish Hydro: proves its resistance to regulation with underlying profits up 16 per cent to £195m. Continues to raid England, where profits soared a quarter and now represent 28 per cent of the north of Scotland-based group's business.

the permitted level, cutting 4 points off the 20 per cent allowed above inflation by 1999. Southern chairman Geoffrey Wilson claimed in a letter to Southern Water shareholders that the electricity company's bills bad fallen by nearly 13 per

cent over the past five years. equivalent to a saving of £40. The documents show that directors of Southern Electric made substantial option profits in January, with Mr Casley leading the way with a paper profit of nearly £195,000 on the posed by a Labour government exercise at 446p. He subsequently sold balf the resulting shares at 898p.

The hid of £6,311.24 in cash shares values Southern Water to finance investment, he said. sbares at £10.02, a 5.9 per cent premium over Scottish Power's competing offer, the documents

The news came as London Electricity chairman Sir Boh Reid issued a warning that any extra taxation on utilities im-

could hit much-needed investment. Threats of a windfall tax did not contribute to the stable The hid of £6,311.24 in cash plus 526 new Southern Electric ensure the steady flow of funds

> London announced pre-tax profits of £276m for the year to March, up from £172m before. But stripping out the bolding in the National Grid, distributed

appointed analysts. Sales of electricity rose 5.2 per

cent last year, reflecting signs of revival in the capital's economy, the group said. The improvement has continued into the first part of the current year, with sales increasing by more than 5 per cent. London has made a £4.5m provision to cover the effect of

highly priced North Sea supply as a dividend to shareholders contracts on its joint venture gas a sat year, and exceptional items, underlying profits were down group Total.

GWR joins battle for new London FM licence

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

GWR's chief executive, Ralpb Bernard, said yesterday that the company's struggling London News Radio associate will apply for the new FM licence for London being advertised by the Radio Authority.

LNR, owned 31 per cent by the Bristol-based GWR commercial radio company, will propose a business and sport format for the new service, which is expected to attract scores of applicants by the deadline of 9 July.

The news emerged as GWR announced interim profits of £2.4m, an 18 per cent increase, on turnover up 50 per cent at £21.3m. The pre-tax figure was deflated by expenses of £690,000 arising from its aborted hid for Radio New Zealand.

"We rate this as a good, solid performance," Mr Bernard said. The fast-growing company is one of commercial radio's success stories, having built up a portfolio of 32 licences, representing just over 14 per cent of lotal radio audience.

The company's future growth prospects may be stymied by the new Broadcasting Bill, which sets a limit of 15 per cent of total market share for any com-pany. As a result, GWR has looked overseas in recent months, buying Prospect Radio in New Zealand, and expanding in eastern Europe.

We think there are other opportunities in the Asia Pacific

as well," Mr Bernard said. The UK strategy will continue to be based on consolidating

its position as one of the six main commercial radio com-panies. Mr Bernard said he

would seek to "rationalise licences" in the coming months, as it did by selling a direct stake in Isle of Wight radio this year. Despite the limits imposed on

radio companies, GWR plans to apply for at least three regional licences this year, including East Midlands. The company has yet to win a single new licence since the Radio Authority began the post-1990 round of awards. It has grown, instead, by acquisition.

GWR, through a joint ven-

ture, was also an applicant in the bid for the Yorkshire regional licence, which yesterday went to Kiss 102 FM.

Mr Bernard said GWR and its London News Radio partners, including Daily Mail & General Trust and Reuters, plan to relaunch the company's two services, one each on FM and AM, in the autumn.

3,000 shipbuilding jobs at risk as ' /SEL Barrow seeks new work

Up to 3,000 shiphuilding jobs more than half the workforce at VSEL Barrow will be lost in the next three years unless major new work is secured, Brian George, the company's chief executive, warned vesterday

He said the company, which was recently acquired by GEC, was investing in new processes and equipment and must aim for a reduction in costs of 30 per

Staff were told that the management expected a big change in working practices at the yard as work on the Trident subma-

rine contract comes to an end, and the company focuses on get-ting new submarine and surface vessel contracts. Mr George said: "We must

line up the terms and conditions of this yard with other yards with which we bave to compete. "The next step is to agree through the new culture and with the hig investments we are making in new processes and

forward in terms of reducing our cost base by about 30 per cent." company would adopt a hard

new equipment to agree the way

line. "We intend to win quile a lot of work. Unfortunately no one owes us a living, and my first task is to make sure that as a whole we are competitive," the chief executive said.

Alan Robson, a union representative, said: "The workers are far from being optimistic because they have seen the massive reduction in the VSEL establishment with its worldclass technology and worldclass workforce. Now the workers are being told 'Your Unions at the yard were left in no doubt yesterday that the of 5,000 being out of a joh and all that expertise being lost."

IN BRIEF

 London and Merchant Securities, the property and investment group, increased profits by 40 per cent to £49.4m in the year to 30 March, LMS realised a profit of £18.7m last July by reducing its bolding in the leisure group First Leisure from 15 per cent to 7 per cent. The results also included a £4.1m expense, part of losses incurred when LMS lost a £170m legal action against the four shareholders of BSky3 last November. LMS is still negotiating how much it will eventually pay. Net rental income rose by 5.4 per cent to £34.4m despite a lack of rental growth in the office sector. LMS has expanded the retail side of its portfolio to 28 per cent in response and has invested £20m in the shopping arcades group Arcadia. It has also bought half of Clearwater Estates, a leisure park developer.

• Royal Bank of Scotland's US subsidiary, Citizens Financial, has agreed to acquire Farmers & Mechanics Bank for \$53m (£35m) cash. Farmers, a state-chartered savings hank headquartered in Middletown, Connecticut, has assets of \$540m, and 12 hranches in south-eastern Connecticut. Following completion of the deal, expected at the end of 1996, Farmers will be merged with Citizens Bank of Connecticut, which has assets of about \$750m and 18

 Spring Ram Corporation has agreed a letter of intent to sell its UK door and window making business, Crosby, to Premdor of Canada for an undisclosed sum. Crosby, which includes the Regency Doors husiness, makes interior and exterior residential and architectural doors, windows and veneer products at four factories.

 City Technologies plans to raise £37.4m through the placing of 25,968 million shares, representing 53 per cent of the company's enlarged share issue capital. The company will place the shares at 175p each, valuing it at £85.2m. City Technologies says the placing price represents a price to earnings multiple of 20.91 times. Dealing is expected to commence on 20 June.

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Brockbampten Hidge (F)	27.4m (27.4m)	7.91m (6.69m)	11.4p (11.1p)	3.14p (2.48p)
Cafe loos (F)	13.2m (11.6m)	0 65m (0.77m)	13.34p (12.18p)	24p (-)
Daily Mail (f)	477m (478m)	41.0m (38.2m)	25 Sp (27.1p)	4.6p (4,3p)
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Serracii & Mattenal (F)	· (·)	22.2m (17.0m)	32.1p (20.9p)	23p (22.5p)
GWR Greek (1)	21.3m (14.2m)	2.43m (2.06m)	2.30 (2.50)	1.07p (0.94p)
Howston (F)	44.1m (43.9m)	0.81m (1.43m)	3.33p (7.85p)	2.5p (2.5p)
Hicking Pentneont (F)	85.9m (70.7m)	8.4m (4.52m)	20.7p (16.2p)	6.5p (5.3p)
Johnson Matthey (F)	2.53bn (2.18bn)	102m (95.4m)	34 4p (32.9p)	14.5p (13.5p)
Leigh Interests (F)	115m (117m)	-9 56m (9 09m)	·15p (9.6p)	3.915p (7.83p)
London Electricity (F)	1.19bn (1.21bn)	276m (172m)	109 7p (83.3p)	38.5p (29p)
London Morchael Sec (F)	- (-)	49.4m (35.3m)	15.45p (17 05p)	4.5p (4.4p)
NSM (F)	127m (123m)	0.22m (6.05m)	0.03p (11.2p)	1.5p (-)
Protess (F)	72.9m (54.5m)	10.3m (7.54m)	17.20 (14.60)	8.5p (5.4p)
RCO Heldings (I)	23.6m (24 7m)	0.58m (1.9m)	3 62p (11.71p)	4 95p (4.95p)
Regalian Proporties(F)	16.81m (18 44m)	1,68m (1,37m)	1.43p (1.17p)	0.5p (nli)
Scapa Group (F)	526m (437m)	62.3m (46.1m)	17.7p (12.2p)	6.68p (-)
Scottish Hydro-Electric (F)	887m (833m)	195m (189m)	38.7p (31p)	15.75p (14 01p
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DMGT looks forward with multimedia skills

Family-controlled companies can be either terrific or atrocious, but Daily Mail & General Trust very definitely falls into the former category. It owns the Cadillacs of the mid-market national newspaper market with the Daily Mail and its a brilliant range of regional newspapers grouped under the could mark the start of a spending spree likely eventually to top £300m.

Jeff Whalley, chairman, revealed yesterned as econd US buy worth around \$100m (£65m) and the accountants will be going uses of the precious metal and using the cash generated in higher-growth areas.

The more mature applications include of regional newspapers grouped under the Northeliffe subsidiary.

But there is a big price to pay to reach and maintain market dominance in the cutthroat newspaper market. That much was made painfully clear yesterday, when DMGT disappointed the City with flat interim earnings and a warning of contin-uing tough conditions for the bulk of 1996. The shares slumped 62p to £14.78. There were two culprits in the Mail's

case. The first was unavoidable, and has affected all newspaper groups: high newsprint costs. These charged ahead by 28 per cent year-on-year, and will affect profits through the next six months, al-though costs look set to moderate at last. The other was voluntary. DMGT has made a conscious decision to build its

brands, and has spent freely - perhaps £7m - to do so. With reinvigorated competition from the struggling Express group following its parent's merger with Lord Hollick's MAI, the Mail has resolutely courted new readers. The costs of wooing former customers of *Today* were especially high. A few investors were clearly spooked by the flattish pre-tax profit figure of £41m in the six months to May, which was way

below analysts' estimates. But the mood among City followers was more relaxed. While analysis were busy lowering their estimates for the current year, the future actually looks quite hright. The high promotional spend has obviously brought in readers, although h has yet to bring much increase in advertising revenues. But this is bound to happen. As a result, 1997 is

likely to look robust. DMGT has also cleverly extended its marketing and promotional skills into other media not least its successful Euromoney publications; a 17 per cent share in ITV company Westcountry; a stake in Tele-text; a slew of radio investments and the embyronic network of local television stations known as Channel One. The future of newspapers is obviously in doubt - indeed, the business has been in gentle decline for years - and DMGT's investments in radio and television will be a welcome addition to the bottom line within a few years. If Channel One actually takes off and the jury is definitely still out - then the company will have found its new cash cow.

In the interim, full-year profits, now ex-pected to be around £90m, put the shares on a pricey multiple of 26 times expected earnings. But that could fall to 17 in the following year. Hold.

FKI set to go on buying spree

Sentiment towards FKI, the engineering to window furniture group, has been affected by its failure to make good the promise of further acquisitions that accompanied last June's £137m rights issue. But all that is about to change. The £39.2m purchase earlier this month of Wright Products, a US maker of door hardware.

is also down to the final shortlist of three in the auction for a big European buy. Success in all three would use the group's en-tire £300m-odd spending facilities, which included net cash of £53.4m in March, but add turnover of around £400m or close to 50 per cent of the current total.

What Mr Whalley and his team could do with those deals is demonstrated by yesterday's results. Stripping out the £12.2m loss on engineering disposals last time, profits rose a third to £90.1m in the 12 months to March. The figures got a boost from Amdura, the US lifting tackle group acquired last year, which chipped in £13.2m in its first 11 months, but saw margins quadruple to 10 per cent in that period even after £1.5m of redundancy costs.

Apart from Amdura, the two stars were the engineering and automotive divisions. Now stripped back to a number of niche transformer and switchgear op-erations, profits almost doubled to £15.7m and the order book is up a fifth.

Meanwhile, the world-leading automotive cables division shrugged aside a \$2m hit as a result of the General Motors strike to record profits a third higher at £11.7m. Hardware is seeing signs of a pick-up in bousing starts in North America and will this year be without £2.5m of restructuring costs in Germany.
On Nat West's upgraded profits forecast

of £108.5m this year, the shares, up 18p at 179p, stand on a forward price-earnings ratio of 14. With organic growth, recovery and acquisition prospects in view, the shares are still good value.

Johnson Matthey refines itself

The more mature applications include the distribution and marketing of the metal and its use in catalytic converters, though there is some growth left in supplying diesel car catalysts.

The main growth opportunities are in biomedical applications, such as anti-cancer treatments, ceramics and electronic materials used in the manufacture of micro-chips and semiconductors. From next to nothing five years ago, these three husinesses account for 40 per cent

of JM's earnings.

The past year has seen good progress in this direction after two sizeable acquisitions. Last August, JM acquired Advance Circuits, an American manufacturer of printed circuit-boards, for £109m. This March it paid £27m for the circuit-board operations of Cray Research, another US group. The deals were funded by a £117m

ights issue, the first cash call in 10 years. The wisdom of the diversification policy is underlined by last year's results. Though pre-tax profits edged up 6 per cent to £102m in the year to March, all the divisions improved their contribution apart from catalytic converters. Here the loss of a General Motors contract at the beginning of 1995 meant profits slumped 24 per cent to £26m. Though the traditional precious metals trading business saw profits nudge 9 per cent higher at £44.6m, the new businesses performed more strongly. Electronic materials increased profits by 36 per cent to £25.5m. ACL the new

by 36 per cent to £25.5m. ACI, the new US purchase, contributed £4.2m in six mouths. Cookson Mauthey Ceramics, the joint venture with the Cookson group, also had a good year, improving profits by 54 per cent to £24m.

The five-year transformation of Johnson Matthey has been reflected in the share

price which has risen from 285p to yes-Johnson Matthey is best known as the world's largest gold refiner and the pioneer of platinum-based catalytic connect of platinum-based ca

Baily Mail and General Trust: at a glance Nation value: \$,540n; stage-price £14.78

The Lord Mayor drops a Mansion House clanger

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

Sir Bob Reid, the chairman Collette Bowe, head of the Personal Investment Authority, was enjoying the Lord Mayor's speech at the Mansion House the other night. Until, that is, the Lord May-

or, John Chalstrey, started talking about the City's continuing ability to attract overseas investment and business. Listing a series of the City's attractions, the Lord Mayor concluded with "the lightness of its regulatory touch".

This induced a sharp intake of hreath from Ms Bowe, followed by a grimace and a forced smile. Perhaps the Lord Mayor should bear in mind that, on such occasions, be is addressing the gamekeepers as well as the

poachers.

of London Electricity and a former hoss of British Rail, is in high dudgeon over the Labour Party's threatened windfall tax on the profits of utilities. To illustrate his ire. Sir Boh

describes a meeting between Michael Faraday, the great Victorian scientist, and Gladstone, the then Prime Minister.

Faraday explains his exciting discoveries involving electricity, at which point Gladstone asks: "Yes. but what use is it?"

To which the eminent scientist answers: "I don't know, Prime Minister, what use it is - hut I'm sure you'll find a way of taxing it.'



And if you need a pint: Discovery Inns, the pub nperating group, has bought the Fisberman's Cot at Bickleigh in Devon for £1.5m. The pub, in the banks of the River Exe by Bickleigh Bridge, is reputed to have been the location that inspired Paul Simon to write Bridge Over Troubled Water.

is certainly husy. A letter reaches us saying: "The City of London Cemetery and Crematorium throws open its doors for its third annual open day next month." Over 6,000 grave-spotters attended last year's event, which in-cluded tours of Europe's largest cemetery at Manor Park, near Wanstead. Tour guides will be on hand to point out the final resting place of Jack the Ripper's first two victims. A charming way to spend a summer's day.

The Corporation of London

Congratulations to Adrian Luckham, poached from Unilever to become the new UK managing director of Douwe Egberts, the Dutch coffee producer. Adrian sees the company's key task as "helping retailers to drive roast and ground sector growth, consolidate existing distribution and increase shelf offtake, via a highly creative marketing strategy carried out by a tight entrepreneurial tearn." I think he means sell more coffee.

Andrew Young, chairman of the General Insurance Council, and managing director of NFU Mutual, boasted at a council meeting that his company could make a killing at the bookies by correctly naming the Scotland line-up for Saturday's England match. Scotland has been using

demerger .

NFU's sports ground near Stratford for its training base during the Euro 96 lournament, and NFU staff know exactly who is in and who is out. But after much soulsearching, says Mr Young, NFU decided to keep this knowledge to itself. Meanwhile the company's

actuaries have been analysing Scotland matches going had to 1924 and concluded that the score on Saturday will be 1-1. As a patriotic Scot Mr Young is convinced the Sassenachs will be defeated. "I'm telling the actuaries that they've got it wrong," he told the meeting. A voice rang out from the back: "But don't actuaries always forecast the result of the game after it's finished?"

business

COMMENT

Without effective barriers between corporate finance and trading operations, the integrated house becomes essentially corrupt. Privileged information becomes no more than the tool

of a no-holds-barred

trading operation'

Gobbledygook, Chinese walls and the SIB

As an exercise m gobbledygook, yester-day's fifteen-pager from the Securities amounted to insider dealing. Corporate hidders are exempt from normal insider that its trading operation had built up substantial positions in a number of electricity companies. All of them were quite out of hidders are exempt from normal insider rivatives during takeover hids takes some beating. It fair makes the head spin, even for those of us who think we know a little about financial markets. The central finding reads thus: "A firm should not use derivatives to enable a customer to buy or sell an indirect stake where the firm knows or has reason to believe that, as a result of inside information, the customer could not properly buy or sell an indirect stake on the open mar-

ket." So now we know.
Translated into plain English, what this appears to mean is that action taken by Swiss Bank Corporation in helping its client, Trafalgar House, defray the costs of bidding for Northern Electric nearly two years ago, in the costs of bidding for Northern Electric nearly two years ago, in the costs of bidding for Northern Electric nearly two years ago, in the costs of the costs is illegal - "is" being the operative word here for that is not what the law actually says, it is what SIB helieves it should say. What makes this document doubly incomprehensible is that at no point does it refer to the Swiss Bank case, "No, no, no," says SIB. The document does not relate to any particular case. It is merely meant as guidance for future reference". Dear, oh dear. The

lawyers really have got to them, haven't they.
We're not subject to any such constraints so here's an attempt to decipher the SIB's pearls of wisdom. When Trafalgar House hid for Northern Electric, it helped pay the costs by having Swiss Bank set up "contracts for differences" in a number of electricity

dealing rules. The law allows them to buy shares in a target company knowing that they are eventually going to bid at a higher price. What Swiss Bank did was construct some derivative instruments which gave Trafalgar an economic interest in the Northern share price and that of a number of other elec-tricity companies, but it didn't actually buy the shares. The Takeover Panel considered the matter last year and concluded that this was not a case of insider dealing since buying a derivative is not much different from buying the physical stock. The SIB takes a different view. Buying a derivative is just a way of making money, says SIB, and in cir-cumstances like these it is a one-way bet. As a consequence, the exemption shouldn't apply, claims SIB. A derivative doesn't help further the aim of control, the purpose of

There were a number of other related matters raised by the Northern bid. One is whether the Chinese walls used by integrated securities houses to separate highly pricesensitive corporate finance matters from the prying eyes of fast-buck traders actually mean very much. The suspicion is that in placing the contract for differences with market-makers, corporate finance effectively forewarned Swiss Bank's trading operation that something was afoot. Swiss Bank fiercely denies this but it did later transpire

the insider dealing exemption.

proportion to those that might be expected in the ordinary course of market-making. In effect the bank was proprietary trading in these stocks only it was using market-making privileges to forestall disclosure. The SIB view of these related matters is

that if you ban the original derivative trans-

action, or what it calls the root cause of the "mischief", then the Chinese walls issue becomes irrelevant since there would be no holes through which to peck. In so doing, however, it takes an interesting little dig at the whole idea of the integrated securitles house. "We need to recognise that modern risk management systems, which are understandably designed to enable an integrated house to manage its risk in an integrated way, may cut across, and compromise, the ability of a Chinese wall to maintain a separation between different functions". Just what is the SIB saying here? If Chinese walls don't work, which is the implication, then the whole concept of the integrated securities house falls. Without effective barriers between corporate finance and trading operations, the integrated house becomes essentially corrupt. Privileged information becomes no more than the tool of a no-holds-barred trading operation. No wonder the SIB feels the need to con-

sult, which apparently it is not obliged to, on matters like these. While many smaller

wholeheartedly in support of the SIB's analysis and prescription, the big battalions of the City with their all-powerful securities trading operations will feel not a little threatened by SIB's strictures. The dovetailing of traded securities with corporate finance activity is not a phenomenon confined to Swiss Bank, however aggressive this particular house has been in its application. All the big players do it to some extent nowadays. Gobbledygook, this might be, but it is important gobbledygook nonetheless. It could provoke quite a fight.

Kissing – and not making up – on radio

Radio may still be a bit of an after-thought Ras far as the big media players are con-cerned but that doesn't stop it suffering from some of the industry's worst afflictions. It is just as riddled with hig egos and false gossip as TV and newspapers. No decision by a government quango will ever be accepted with grace. So it has proved with the Independent Radio Authority's award of the hotly-contested Yorkshire regional licence yesterday, which went to Kiss FM.

Rivals immediately cried foul - confidentially, of course, for many of them will be lining up again for the East Midlands licence and the hottest property of them all,

investment banks and pure corporate the FM licence for London (no one wants finance houses are going to find themselves to anger the authority just now). But this time they have a point. The winning consortium is going to use the MSM national sales house, which already controls 61 per cent of the national market. The Radio Authority has in the past expressed concern about MSM's market dominance, but plainly it was not enought to make an issue of when awarding the Yorkshire licence.

Still, the award to a youth-orientated dance station shows encouraging signs of development at the authority, once ridiculed as old-fashioned and lacking in market savy. Dance was identified as the format that would broaden chairs and by financially. that would broaden choice and be financially viable. We did not, thankfully, see a repeat of the Viva syndrome - the award of a licence to a format that didn't stand a ehance. Nor did we see another example of awarding licences to small, local players, who have subsequently been bought out by the

big players, anyway.

The authority still has its romanues, of eourse. There are still board members who don't like the big boys of the industry - Cap-ital, GWR, Emap and Chrysalis. But they are beginning to see that enhancing "fair and effective competition" - one of their main criteria - does not necessary mean excluding those with the nous to succeed. Progress of sorts then, but it's a shame the authority didn't feel is necessary to consider the effects on fair competition of yet a further concentration of sales power at MSM.

Storehouse sells Blazer to Moss Bros for £7.1m

Moss Bros, the menswear retailer, acquired a nice line in casual wear yesterday when it paid Storehouse £7.1m for Blazer, the chain of 28 men's cloth-

ing stores.

Moss Bros, which is better known for suits, plans to double the number of stores to around 50, which will include more hranches outside its London and South-east stronghold. Currently there are no Blazer stores in cities such as Birmingham, Leeds and Sheffield: "You've gol to go where the action is," said Moss Bros chief executive Rowland Gee.

More lower-price items will be added as well as "formal corners" that will sell dinner known for suits, plans to dou-

ners" that will sell dinner jackets. Blazer's own order.
De Havilland, will be emphajackets. Blazer's own brand, sised, though some up-markel brands such as designer jeans may be added,

Mr Gee said Moss Bros was buying Blazer to complement its other chains, which include Moss Bros, the Suil Company and Cecil Gee, all dominated by formal wear. Moss Bros had heen tipped as a possible buyer for Austin Reed, the up-market retailer whose shares have been rising strongly in recent months.

Casual wear is a growing market and Blazer is a very strong casual wear brand, particularly in the 25-54 age group, Mr Gee said.

Blazer was founded in London's Covent Garden in the early 1980s by David Krantz, who now runs Racing Green. It was acquired by Storehouse, which was then run by Sir Terence Conran. It has always struggled to make a profit and last year recorded profits of just £400,000 on sales of £14.8m.

Moss Bros is only acquiring the stores, stock and staff of the business and not the head office, warehouse or other systems. With lower central costs and more lower-priced items to ncrease shopper traffic, Moss Bros hopes to improve the group's financial performance.

Moss Bros has financed the deal through a placing of 522.807 new shares.

Storehouse has been looking to sell the company as it con-



Dressing down: Rowland Gee, chief executive of Moss Bros

Photograph: Jane Baker

centrates on BhS and Mothercare. It first put the chain up for sale in 1992 but failed to find a buyer at an attractive price.

Storehouse will book a £5.1m exceptional charge on the deal. representing a goodwill write-off from the original purchase. Storehouse shares added 7p to 325p. Moss Bros fell 32p to

Storehouse chief executive Keith Edelman received total pay of £910,000 last year, boosted by a £384,000 long-term bonus. This compares with a

total of £610,000 the previous year. Group development director Steve Bedford saw his pay jump from £436,000 to £556,000, due to a £306,000 bonus. Finance director Diek Steele's pay rose from £294,000 to £378,000.

Bayer admits drugs demerger option

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Bayer, the German chemicals group, yesterday admitted that it was considering the option of spinning off its pharmaceuticals business as part of a merger deal. The trail for such a move was hlazed three years ago when Imperial Chemical Industries demerged its Zeneca drugs and agrochemicals divisions.

A spokesman for Bayer said that although there were no immediate plans to demerge the pharmaceutical arm, this was one of the options the company may consider. We want to strenghten our

health-care business through internal as well as external growth, and a spin-off is one of many options", he said.

The comment came after strong speculation earlier this week that the German group could spin off the drugs division. prior to a merger with a rival. Bayer's finance director, Helmut Loehr, was reported in the press as saying: "We are look-

ing for candidates, but haven't found anybody who meets our стіцегіа.

However, a company spokesman warned yesterday that the comments "should not be misunderstood to be a precursor to an announcement of immediate

He added: "Loehr merely spoke of options and spinning off the drugs husiness could be one such option, but there are no concrete plans to do anything like this immediately. Currently all the talk is merely hypothetical."

Bayer's shares were, however, excited by the rumour, jumping nearly 3 per cent in early trading yesterday. The moves follow hints dropped earlier this year by Jurgen Dormann, chairman of Hoechst, a rival German chemicals group, that it was ready to consider spinning off its drugs business.

IN BRIEF

• The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) has fined Crédit Suisse Investment Funds (UK) £38,000 for incorrect pricing of unit trusts, failure to maintain adequate accounting and other records, and failure to maintain effective compliance arrangements. Imro said the breaches occurred be-tween June 1994 and March 1995. Compensation of around £36,000 has been paid by CSIF to 899 unit-holders, and CSIF bas paid £18,500 into the unit trusts. It has also waived £23,500 due to it arising from the calcuation of unit trust prices. Imro said. CSIF is also to pay Imro's costs of £16,500.

Retail sales in the US rose 0.8 per cent in May, and only 0.3 per cent excluding auto sales. The increase was less than expected. and, along with a 6,000 rise in new claims for jobtess benefit to 360,000 last week, suggested the revival in growth is less than some investors had started to fear. Even so, the Treasury bond market fell, continuing its recent weakness related to fears of rising

The dispute between Eastman Kodak and Fuji Photo Film is being referring by the US to the World Trade Organisation. The announcement by Charlene Barshefsky, acting US trade represculative, follows a year-long investigation into allegations by Kodak that the Japanese government colluded with Fuji Film to limit Kodak's market access to the Japanese photographic supply market. Ms Barshefsky said the US had determined that the Japanese government "built, supported and tolerated a market structure that thwarts foreign competition, and in which exclusionary husiness practices are commonplace".

 New car registrations in western Europe increased 5.8 per cent in May to 1,167,900 from 1,103,400 a year earlier, according to the European car makers' association ACEA. Registrations in the EU countries rose 5.9 per cent to 1,126,500, while registrathere have been a number of huge takeovers and mergers in the pharmaceuticals industry.

The Elo condities 1036 3.7 per cent to 1,120,300, while registrations in the two Efta countries were up 4.8 per cent to 41,700. The sharpest rises were 48.4 per cent in Ireland, 43.8 per cent in the pharmaceuticals industry.

Motor premiums set to increase

NIC CICUTTI

Motor insurance premiums look set to edge up in the coming year after insurers said yes-terday that competition for business meant that they risked losing money on the policies they sold.

Bul holders of household insurance policies were offered a small ray of hope that the downward trend in the cost of their cover is set to continue, the Association of British Insurers

John Carter, ehairman of the ABI, the industry's trade body, said: "General insurance policyholders have received major benefits from an extremely competitive insurance market over the past two or three years in terms of lower premium and improved cover. I am not sure that can continue.

The ABI's warning of higher prices for car drivers came as it released figures showing that the industry made overall losses of £34m in the UK market last year on premiums of £5.94bn. This compared with a £297m 'An unpredictable business': Mark Boleat of the ABI

profit on income of £6.37bn in in 1995 from £950m the previ-

The trade body yesterday at-tributed the bulk of the premium fall to the scramble for business among insurers. On the non-motor side, in-

eluding household insurance, profits also dropped substantially in the UK, down to £403m

A large slice of the profits downturn followed the cold

winter weather, mainly in Scotland, which has so far led to elaims worth £320m. Many more claims, mainly for business interruption, have yet to be

However, insurance is sometimes an unpredictable business, as shown by the significant in-creases in subsidence and winter damage claims." Insurers have tried to smooth out some of the losses by including much of the payments made so far in last year's accounts, where they have been buried by large profits reported at the time. But some said yesterday that if last year's hot summer repeats itself, subsidence

good profits.

claims will rise even further. Separately, life insurance companies reported an end in sight to the poor sales that have bedevilled the industry in the past three years. Net premium income in the

Mark Boleat, director general of the ABI, said yesterday: "Premiums tell in many other

elasses of husiness, while in-

surance companies achieved

played a major part in achiev-ing this satisfactory position.

"Loss prevention measures

UK for life and pensions business reached £44bn, up 3 per

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SHARE SPOTLIGHT

market report/shares

Conglomerate image hammers BTR to four-year low

FT-SE 100 3761.7 -7.5 FT-SE 250 glomerates that seemed capa-ble of sweeping all before it, fell to its lowest for nearly four 4468.0 +0.6 FT-SE 350 1901.7 -2.9 years as worries grew about

current year's profits. SEAQ VOLUME The shares were knocked 753.9m shares, 3.5p to 265.5p in busy trading. But it was the 1995/96 warrants 30,747 bargains that demonstrated just how dis-Gilts Index enchanted the stock market has 92.04 -0.23 become with the group born out of the old Birmingham Tyre

& Rubber Co. The warrants, once 140p, fell to a 14p low. They are bordering on worthless, offering the holders the right to subscribe for a new share at 258p in the 30 days following Sep-

tember's interim report. There is no doubt that BTR, which indulged in an old-fash-

BTR, once one of the con-still outstanding it could have expected an inflow of around

The weakening shares must put a question mark over the group's chances of such a windfall. Even the 1997 warrants, down to a low of 25.5p look perilously close to the borderline with their £350m in-

jection in jeopardy.
And 1998 warrants, at 8p with a switch price of 405p, are either one of the best bets in the market or a dead loss. For years BTR's profits moved majestically ahead al-though last year's peak of

£1.5bn was rather less than ex-

pected. Profit warnings, a hith-

erto unheard of event, have

come to be an unwelcome part of BTR life.

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index fell 7.5 points at 3,761.7. The projected Footsie new-

comers achieved modest cele-

bratory gains. Orange, which

Suggestions that year's profits will emerge at around £1.38bn are one of the eroding influences. There is also a growing feeling BTR should do a Hanson - admit the conglomerate days are numbered and shoot for a break-up deal. However Hanson's obvious difficulties in convincing the market about the merits of its demerger could be enough to prompt BTR's new chief ex-ecutive, Ian Stachan recruited from the KTZ resources giant, to face it out and stick with the conglomerate philosophy.

port but Cookson, the industrial materials group, gave up 13p to 307p as Henderson Crosthwaite nudged its forecast down by £5m to £210m. The securities house believes the shares are a buy below 300p.

Prudential Corporation improved 6.5p to 418.5p as SBC Warburg offered support following an investment presentation and Glazo Wellcome continued to score from the Barciays de Zoete Wedd re-rat-

has yet to make a profit, rose 3p to 252.5p; Next 2p to 558p and United News & Media ended just 1p higher at 707p. Vickers, ahead of a presentation last night, firmed 1p to Asda enjoyed a lively session, closing 2.75p firmer at 120.75p 253p. The growing bostility between British Gas and its after the latest survey from the regulator left the shares 4p AGB research group showed down at 187.5p. Other utilities were weak with Yorkshire it was the best performing su-perstore chain. Tany MacNeary

derson Crosthwaite, priced the shares rather more accurately than when there is a soar-away

reaction. Polymasc Pharmaceuticals fell 5p to 169p despite a positive presentation. A spin-off from London's Royal Free Hospital medical school, it arrived late last year at 100p.

The company, it seems, is scheduled to make a smaller loss than forecast, around £350.000 against £600,000. A licence agreement should be clinched with a US group soon which could bring in around £500,000.

Polymasc is experiencing a rush of outside interest following its appearance on AIM and has registered more patents in six months than in

sponsoring stockbroker, Hen- Dofex, the share market created by market maker John Jenkins, vesterday recruited its 100th constituent - Daniel

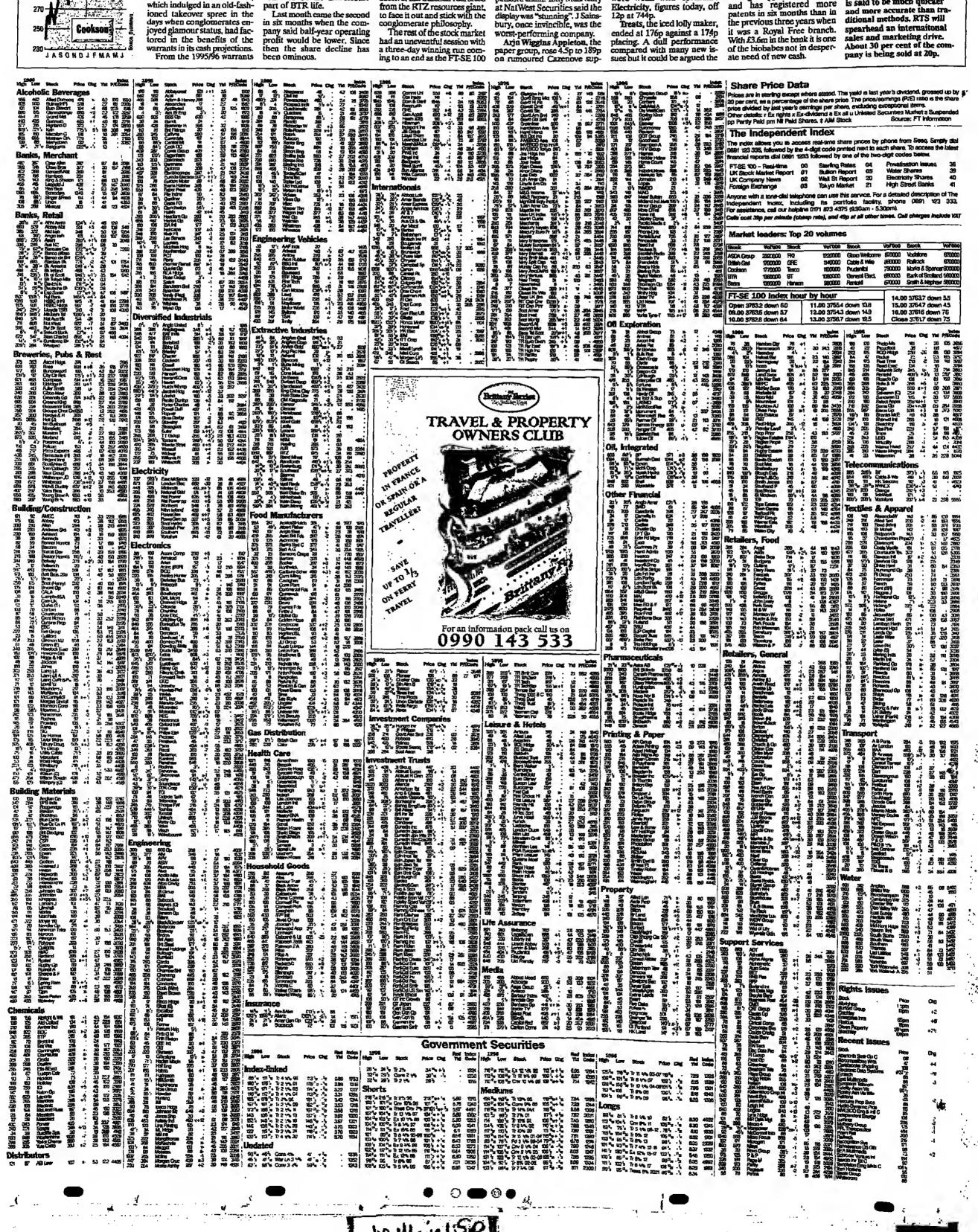
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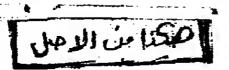
Thwaites, a near 200-year-old Blackburn brewer with 420 pubs and a hotel chain which includes London's Stafford in St James's Place. At its 375p opening price it is valued at £72.5m.

The flow of Ofex newcomers continues. Woodstock, a 46-strong pubs chain is hoping to raise £600,000, selling shares at 20p and Robotic Technology Systems is at-tempting the higgest Ofex cash call yet - a £2m issue.

its parent, Finnscrew of Finland, has developed a sys-tem to grind propellers which is said to be much quicker and more accurate than traditional methods. RTS will spearhead an internaitonal sales and marketing drive.

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Predatory proprietors revel in a tussle with the law

Did you read the Times on Monday? At just 10p you could pick up several with the loose change from a packet of cigarettes. Of course Mr Murdoch is not making a profit from his latest gimmick - but keeping the daily cover price at 20p wasn't too profitable either, and he kept that up for 16 months. For all the rise in prices at the end of last year, it seems that the newspaper cover-price war is back with us once more.

Mr Murdoch's News International has been accused of unethical and anti-competitive behaviour, subsidising price cuts with profits earned elsewhere in order to bully and destroy other competitors.

Predatory pricing, it's called.

The Office of Fair Trading disagrees. Called in to investigate when the Times and the Telegraph cut their prices in the summer of 1994. the then director general, Sir Bryan Carsberg, concluded that there was

nothing to worry about. It would be easy to see this as another British failure to enforce competition. Could it be that we should change our method for catching predators - perhaps along US or Eu-

ropean lines?
Sadly it isn't as easy as that. There is, in Sir Bryan's words, "a fine line between aggressive competition and predatory behaviour". No matter how tough your laws, it can often be hard to distinguish between the two. And no matter how malign you may believe Mr Murdoch's intentions, it's almost impossible to pin anything on

Predatory pricing is a problem for competition anthorities because in the end it is anti-competitive. Big dominant companies cut their prices to get rid of a small irritating com-petitor. Although both make losses

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in the short run, the big guy has the financial resources (the deep pockets) to hold out for longer, and the smaller company is pushed out of business. The most effective and ef-ficient predation is swift and silent; competitors will decide quickly that they cannot win, and quietly bale out to cut their losses. Or - if they are potential competitors - they will not enter the market at all Having dealt with the warrant in the control of with the young whipper-snapper, the big bruiser can raise its prices - and

because it is costly for someone new to enter the market, or because the ruthless reputation of the incumbent is too intimidating. They need also to believe they can prey covertly, without the OFT or the Monopolies and Mergers Commission catching

In the circumstances you might expect to see little evidence of predatory behaviour in practice at all. Not so. Thanks to bus deregulation in the mid-Eighties, those double-deckers

its profits - once more to compen-Occasions when the strategy works to

sate for those earlier losses. The consumer ends up with less choice and higher prices.

Luckily for that put-upon consumer, the occasions when predation works to get rid of existing compa-nies are extremely limited. Aggressive price wars in practice are often risky and counter-productive. If the ferocious little guy turns out to have deep pockets itself, it might decide to call the predator's bluff. And even if the victim retreated, bloodied, what would stop someone else entering the market and starting the whole chain all over again?

Companies considering predatory strategies need to feel confident

get rid of existing companies are limited and mini-buses have been at it like crazy in towns across the country. Of the eight OFT reports dealing with predation between 1988 and 1995. seven were on buses. From Inverness to Darlington, Fife to Southend-on-Sea, bus companies have engaged in

> achieve market dominance and push each other off the streets. When the OFT reported on Darlington buses last year, it concluded that United Bus - unlike the Times was guilty of predatory pricing.

all kinds of furious strategies to

For a start, United was pursuing a strategy which increased its losses. When Your Bus, a new company, started up minibuses on certain Darlington routes, United Bus went ballistic. Although it didn't cut tick-et prices, it did stuff the streets with extra buses of its own. According to the allegations, United minibuses even hung out on street corners to nip out in front of an on-coming Your Bus and nick all the passengers at the next bus-stop. The OFT calculated that running the extra 13 buses cost United over £10,000 a month.

So far the Times would seem as guilty as United. It too increased its losses with the 20p cover price although circulation rose from 358,000 in 1993 to around 660,000 today. And Mr Murdoch is certainly losing money on the 10p Monday edition. After all, the Times has to

pay 10.4p for every copy to retailers and wholesalers.

But this in itself is not enough to find Mr Murdoch (or United) guilty of predatory behaviour. Loss-making strategies can still be competitive if they are designed to push up demand for the product to profitable levels. regardless of what anyone else is do-ing. Suppose, for example, the cheap Times on Monday pushes sales up throughout the week, it could be a legitimate strategy for reducing losses—a "loss leader", as it is sometimes known. Similarly the OFT adjudicated that the Times' original price cuts were a legitimate strategy to boost circulation in the face of con-

tinuing losses.
So the OFT goes searching for further evidence. The next important question is whether the companies really have market power to ma-nipulate. United clearly was a dom-mant player, with its 45 per cent of Darlington bus rides. The Times has only 28 per cent of the broadsheet market - 12 per cent if you include the Express and the Mail. Even if the Independent was pushed out alto-

10 The Telegraph The Guardian The Times

gether and the Times acquired all our readers, it would still only eat up 17 per cent of the larger market. This, for Sir Bryan Carsberg, was decisive in showing that Rupert Murdoch could not be guilty of predatory pricing. If one newspaper had indeed been knocked out of the game, Sir Bryan believed competition from the remaining papers would not allow the Times to make "supra-normal"

for '23

terwards anyway.

In other words, as far as the OFT was concerned, predatory pricing was not a feasible strategy in the broadsheet newspaper market. The evidence appears to prove it right, if for different reasons. Price, it appears, reported on Darlington, Your Bus

profits by pushing prices up high af-

is not sufficient on its own to win and keep readers. The Independent still survives. The Daily Telegraph - per-haps the real target or Mr Murdoch's price cuts - still sells more than a mil-

lion copies each day. So why does he keep on cutting if he isn't making profits and he isn't pushing anyone else out of the picture? Who knows? The fact that we can't pin predatory behaviour on him is because it isn't working. It is not because our competition policy is in-adequate. Should things change in the newspaper industry in future. however, the real failing in current policies on predatory pricing may become apparent. By the time the OFT

had already gone out of business and the entire market had changed.
Were a Times predatory pricing strategy really to prove effective, a competitor could be long gone before the OFT ever got round to pointing out the anti-competitive practices.

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As John Bridgeman, the current director of the OFT, pointed out in a lecture last month, "stronger investigatory powers and some form of interim measures", would be a help. It's all very well for economists to decide only in retrospect whether predatory pricing is taking place or not. Consumers and producers in the industry need protection rather faster than that.

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Dilemma for selectors as Grindley withdraws

David Grindley, the British 400 metres record holder, has pulled out of the Olympic trials which start in Birmingham today because of Achilles tendon problems.

Yesterday's announcement by the 23-year-old Wigan Harrier, who has been desperately unfortunate with injuries since breaking through to world class at the 1992 Olympics, leaves the selectors with an awkward decision over whether to leave a discretionary place open until the entry deadline of 1 July.

"We hope the selectors give David the opportunity to show his fitness and form prior to and at the meeting at Gateshead on 30 June," said Vicente Modahl, Grindley's manager. But with this year's trials - incorporated in the AAA Championships - offering automatic places to the first two in each event, Grindley's hopes are not securely founded. Especially as the men's 400m is the most competitive of the whole three-day championships, given that Britain has six men who have broken 45 seconds.

That may not represent great one-lap running to Michael Johnson's manager, Brad Hunt, whose anger at the decision not to let his world champion switch from the 200 to the 400m at the Crystal Palace Grand Prix on 12 July led to the following analysis: "It's obviously an attempt to perpetuate a myth that they still have good 400m runners."

But it is still a position of strength-in-depth unmatched in British 400m running, and even without Grindley, the competition will be intense.

As New Zealand are due in

England in 1997, the Aus-

tralians may fill the vacant

Twickenham slot on 30 No-

vember this year. Hallett said

that the date would be filled by

southern hemisphere oppo-

nents and that the fixture would

The flare-up with the Five Na-

tions committee over the RFU's

be announced shortly.

Mike Rowbottom on this weekend's British Olympic trials in Birmingham

Not that the 400m has the mo- has lost his last four 110m burnopoly on competitiveness. Linford Christie, who may decide whether to defend his Olympic 100m title before Monday's team announcement, may not have a huge task on his hands to secure will be seeking his third AAA a record eighth AAA 100m title, title after last weekend's victohut his friend and training partner, Colin Jackson, cannot feel similarly secure. Jackson, who is suffering from tendinitis and were David Strang, the Euro-

dles races, does not look in good enough shape to hold off his perennial rival, Tony Jarrett, seeking his first AAA title.

In the 800m Certis Robb ry in Estonia in an Olympie qualifying time of 1min 45.73sec. Among those he beat

pean Cup choice earlier this month, and Terry West. Those two, Andrew Lill and Craig Winrow – who lowered his personal best to 1:45.77 in Nuremburg last week - will make it hard for Robb to emulate Steve Ovetr's mid-Seventies record of consecutive AAA 800m victones. But the 24-year-old Liverpool Harrier appears to have timed his run into form nicely, having rediscovered some of his old zest for the event after reducing his training workload. Meanwhile in the women's

800m Diane Modahl, who has al- could say things really have ready achieved the Olympic qualifying mark this season, looks ready to secure an appearance in Atlanta that would represent a personal triumph. It was less than three months ago that she finally freed herself of the doping suspension she had contested since the summer of 1994.

"This is my biggest race in more than two years and in many ways the last and most sig-nificant step in my return," Modahl said. "If I manage to make the British team you

gone full circle. Sally Gunnell's main struggle in the 400m hurdles is likely to be with her stride pattern as she seeks to get back into her old rhythm in time to defend her Olympic title. But there will be a more serious confrontation in the men's 200m where Doug Turner, who lowered his best to 20,43sec last Sunday, will take on

the former European champion

John Regis and the talented but

unpredictable pair of Sulomon

Wariso and Owusu Dako.

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Oceania Cup is costly for clubs

Rugby League

British clubs have been count-

Salford, who are hidding to win the First Division Championship and with it promotion to the Super League, have al-ready told the Cook Islands they cannot have Ali Davys and they have also informed Western Samoa that they will not re-

"We would like to help, but there is a lot at stake for us," the Salford chairman, John Wilkin-

"This is the inaugural season of Super League and we question the wisdom of taking leading players out of the competition," said the Saints chief executive, David Howes.

As an officially recognised international competition, the Oceania Cup can call on the players it requires. Those who do not go would not, in theory, be able to play for their clubs here during the course of the tour-

DAVE HADFIELD

ing the potential cost of next month's Oceania Cup, which could deprive them of key play-ers. Including travelling time, players from the Cook Islands, Innga, Fiji, Western Samoa and Papua New Guinea could miss four rounds of club match-

ease Sam Panapa.

son, said. St Helens, the Super League

leaders who face losing the Samoans Apollo Perelini and Vila Matautia from matches against Leeds, Bradford, Halifax and Oldham, are seeking clarification from the League.

The League's chief executive, Maurice Lindsay, has attacked standards in France after Wednesday's record 73-6 defeat by England in Gateshead.

"They are not making any progress," Lindsay said. "What they need is administration that will drive the game there forward. All we are hearing is fine words, but we are not seeing any action."

Apart from the poor displays of the French national side, the Paris St-Germain team is slipping closer to the foot of Super League, although Britain's academy executive, John Kear, is to be loaned to the club to help them reorganise their internal structure.

England looking to southern hemisphere for regular fixtures

for negotiating a separate tele-

vision deal with BSkyB. "These

talks bave been going on for

some time. They were initiated by Don Rutherford [the RFU

technical director] two, per-bsps three years ago," he said. "In addition to Australia, we are

also talking to New Zealand and

South Africa. I was in discus-

sions with the New Zealanders

last week and I was talking to the

South Africans recently.

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

Moves to stage regular matches between England and southern hemisphere sides are well advanced according to the Rugby Fontball Union secretary. Tony Hallett. "We have sought to broaden our fixture list," he said, "and so there are ongoing

discussions which are very pos-This follows an admission by John O'Neill, the Australian board's chief executive, that the two governing bodies have been discussing an annual fixture. But Hallett insisted that the talks had nothing to do with recent threats to expet England from

Glasgow joins Scotland tour

Graham Shiel has been ruled available for the two remaining out of the rest of Scotland's New Zealand tour because of the knee injury he suffered during the game against the Divisional XV at Blenheim on Tuesday,

The injury to the Melrose centre is not serious, but Scotland have decided to bring in the Heriot's FP wing Cameron Glasgow as a replacement. He is due to arrive tomorrow.

preparing for the first Test made his debut. against New Zealand tomorrow, their team manager, Jim Telfer, said: "The advice from the that he would not be

The fun has gone out of For-

who will start his 150th race in

Gerhard Berger of the current

mula One for Martin Brundle Prix.

Motor racing

games after Saturday." While the injury is another blow to the Scots on a poor tour, New Zealand, who they have never beaten, are buoyant. Apart from Jonah Lomu and Jeff Wilson on the wings, New Zealand have the brilliant new find Christian Cullen at full-back.

Scotland lost 31-16 in 1990 at Carisbrook when Ian Jones, Speaking from the squad base who tomorrow will play in his in Dunedin where the Scots are 50th Test for New Zealand,

year-old Brundle, who has de-

nied rumours he will quit after

next month's British Grand

ier to work. But in another way

could be next to go after the De-partment of Employment re-fused to renew his work permit. Neither Yugoslav has been

able to hold down a regular

place with Wednesday and Pleat

will use the money to strength-

Pleat added: "He was keen on the move before Sociedad came

en a side who narrowly escaped relegation last season.

in. Sometimes it is very difficult

when you buy people from abroad, but you tive and tearn."

manger, returns from holiday

next week to continue his re-

building programme at Elland Road, but the Scotland captain,

Gary McAllister, is likely to be

staying with the club despite speculation to the contrary.

McAllister is a reported £3m tar-

get for both Arsenal and Rangers, but it is highly unlike-

ly that Wilkinson will tempt

the wrath of the Leeds sup-

Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds

"I think a first-time visitor to

"The paddocks are so quiet.

The Australian talks seem to independent deal with BSkyB he well advanced with O'Neill admitting in an interview on BBC Radio Five Live; The dis-

could lead to more contact with countries below the equator, with O'Neill hinting at other possibilities. "In the last week or so we've had news about the pocussion has been driven by our mutual desire to play each oth-er more regularly. The Wallatential for England to be exbies are very keen to play England on an annual basis at pelled from the Five Nations," O'Neill said. "That puts a whole least and we have progressed new dimension on it which we really haven't addressed at this stage," Hallett endorsed that, saying: "Our talks have nothing

to do with recent issues." Australia will award new caps to winger Ben Tune and scrumhalf Sam Payne in the second Test against Wales in Sydney next Saturday. They have made three changes to the side who won the first Test 56-25, with Michael Br-

ial coming in alt No S.
Alistralia (v Wales, Sydney, 22 June): M.
Burke; B Tune, J Rolf, T Horan, O Campese; P Howard, S Payne; R Hany, M Caputo, E.
McKenze, G Mongan, J Eales (capd, O Fine-gan, M Brial, O Wilson.

John Mitchell, the former All Blacks captain, was yesterday named the new player-coach of Courage League One club Sale. Mitchell takes over from Paul Turner, a former Wales stand-



Britain's women outshine men

reports from Milton Keynes

Rhona Simpson, the Scottish

Brundle laments lack of fun striker, continued her goalscoring run with a 20th-minute goal bit of glamour now," said the 37- working too hard now - there's to give Great Britain a well denot so much time to have fun. served win against Spain in the "In the late Eighties there opening game of the Four Nawere a lot of hig personalities. Names like Keke Rosherg, Nigel Mansell, Alain Prost, tions pre-Olympic tournament at Milton Keynes yesterday -their fourth victory in five games Niki Lauda, Nelson Piquet, against the Olympic champions in the past few weeks. "There was perhaps a tension

However, Britain's men who lost their opening game 3-1 to Germany, the men's defending and lack of friendliness that is much less apparent today. I think I prefer the hunch we have Olympic champions, when they were never able to overcome the now more than at any other Germans' spoiling tactics.

Britain's women started in over, winning their first corner forming in." He was clearly redominant form, moving forward out of defence with great cher's powerful shot was deThey managed no notable shot purpose. It was the arrival of Tammy Miller after 20 minutes, her first appearance after injury in Atlanta in April, which provided extra sparkle and the winning goal as she drove forward to set up Simpson. Although the striker's first shot was well blocked by the Spanish goalkeeper, she followed up to slot home the rebound.

Britain's coach, Sue Slocombe, expressed her pleasure with the result but disappointment with the performance.

After Britain's men had failed from two penalty corner attempts in the first couple of min-utes the Germans gradually took

as Christof Beckmann took advantage of poor defending at a long corner. Although Britain pulled a goal back following a penalty stroke from the hardworking Russell Garcia in the 59th minute, Bjorn Michel, with two minutes remaining, restored

flected on to Soma Singh's chest,

with Andreas Becker giving Si-

mon Mason no chance from the

harshly awarded penalty stroke.

11 minutes into the second half

Germany went further ahead

coach, Jon Copp, said: "Some good things - but there are some areas we are not per-

Germany's two-goal margin. The disappointed England

470 European Championships off

Hayling Island. Also seventh overall were Britain's women representatives in Sa-vanneh, Bethan Raggatt and Sue Carr.

Vannen, Bethen Reggat; and Sue Carr. 470 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHEP (Hayling Island): Mea overall (ofter eight races with one discerd): 1.0 Bereikn and E Burnet-rov (Rus) 35,5pc; 2 M Westerfins and H Wallin (Swel 52: 3 A Kosmetopoulou and K Trigonis (Gr) 53,75 Extists. GB 7 J Memcies and I Walliar 67. Women overall (ofter 1.0 races with two discerds): 1.P Beth and C Pinnow (Gen 44,65; 2 R Taran and E Paholchik (Md. 45,5; 3 S Bauchok and K Adlicter (Ger) 47,75. GB 7 & Reggatt and S Carr 68.

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Three British players, Chris Wilkinson, from Southampton, Daruny Sapsford of Surrey and Mark Petchey of Esser, were yesterday given wild cards for the Nottingham Open next week. They join Tim Henman and Greg Rusedsla, two other home players who have received direct arthry

TECL CHILY.

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Woodfortie (Aus) bt P Morda CC Rep) 6-1, 6-4;
S Edborg (Swe) bt G Antipseut (Chop) 6-7, 6-7
7-6; W Ferreira (SA) bt T Woodbridge (Aus)
DPS CLASSIC WYGARDERS TO HIRMANDERS

6-4 5-1 ret.
DFS CLASSIC WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT (Edghaston Priory Cita), Birmingham) Third found: C Singay (Sen It L Michel (US) 6-3 1-6 6-3; B Schultz-McCarthy (Noth) to C Przachin (II) 6-7 6-3 6-3; M McCarthy (Noth) to C Przachin (II) 6-7 6-3 6-3; M McCarthy (Noth) to K Radford (As) 8-3 6-2; N Tauzint (Fr) to G Formandez (US) 7-5 6-2; L Neimand (La) to C von Rous (Bell 2-6 6-4 6-3; E Callers (Bell to L Raymond (US) 5-7 7-6 6-1; L Countries (Bell to K Ranadi-Stunker (US) 7-6 2-6 6-1. MEN'S COMMINION (Noth) & Second rounder R Reneberg (US) to J Hasek (Swift) 6-1 6-7 6-7 (P Hasek) (Noth) to H Jan Dawds (Neth) 3-6 6-3 7-8; F Fetterlein (Den) bt H Araz (Mor) 6-2 5-7 7-6.

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throughout the game.

SREAT BRITAN MOMEN. H Rose (Sutton Constitute); J Moud (Belsom Lacestent, J Atthen (Brack Lie); J Moud (Belsom Lacestent, J Atthen (Brack Lie); J Moud (Belsom Lacestent, J Atthen (Brack Lie); C One, J Manusch (Sutton Consol Lie); C Cont. (Bigtown); J Shameton (Sutton Consol Lie); C Cont. (Bigtown); J Shameton (Sutton Consol Lie); R Sempson (Edroburg); J T Cullion (Hightown), Substitutes used: T Miller (Ritton), A Bennett (Slough), I Micholia (Slough), J Thompson (Ipsmch) and S France (Groce).

throughout the game.

CARLISLE

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2.15: 1 BRIDE'S REPRISAL (K Darley)
6-4 fav. 2. Bold African 5-1; 3. Tickniften
9-1. 7 ran. Ni. 1. (M Charston, Upper Lambourn. Tobe: £2.10: £1.20, £1.60. Df:
£2.70. CSP: £8.30.
2.46: 1. WINTER SCOUT (S Copp.) 10-1:
2. Amoubla 9-1; 3. Massatah 5-2 (f fav. 9)
ran. 5-2 (f fav. Flasty'a Scn (4M), 2. 3. (6
Erooles, Lambourn). Tobe: £16.10: £2.80.
£2.30, £1.70. Df: £40.90. CSF: £84.03. Tio:
£176.30,
2.15: 1. THREE ARCH BREDGE (1M).

4.45: 1. LEADING PRINCESS () Grantin 33-1; 2. Swar At Wholey 7-1; 3. Bowcliffe Grange 5-2 fev. 12 ran. 2, 1/2. (Mrss. I. Per-ratt. Apr. Tobec E37.80; 56.60, £1.80, £1.40, DF: £187.10. CSF: £237.47. Tricast; £748.02. Tric. £210.30. Place 6: £257.37. Place 6: £155.28. CHEPSTOW

6.45: 1. MY GALETY (Mas Bridget Gate-house) 13-2: 2. Wentbridge Lad 12-1: 3. Neepeob 100-30 far; 4. Lorins Gald 10-1: 18 ran. 3½ rk. (A Bailey). Tota: £8.40: £2.10, £1.80, £1.80, £2.60, Dual Foreast: £61.70. £81: £7.155. Treast: £782.19. Tro: £56.10. £56.10.
7.15: 1. FINSBURY FLYER (P P Murphy)
33-1; 2. Double Oscar 9-4 (ar, 3. Hever Golf
Express 100-30. 12 ran. Sht-hd, 3(. (R
Hodges). Tota: £50.80; £7.90, £1.30,
£1.70. DF: £38.80. CSF. £103.97. Trox
£184.30. NRs: Current Leader, Sphira Leyobs.

PA. 7.45: 1. INDIAN ROCKET (W Carson) 2-1; 2. Berrier King 7-2; 3. Imported Presi-dent 11-8 fax, 8 ram. 4. 3. (I Dunlop), Totan 22-90; £1-20, £1-40, £1-10. DF: £3-30. CSF: £9.13. YARMOUTH

YARMOUTH
6.30: 1. CHIEFTAIN'S CROWN (P Doe)
13-2: 2. NoRy's Crustn 13-2: 3. Harvey
White 9-2 9 rsn. 3-1 fsv Studio Thirty, V2.
1/4. (Miss K George). Tothe: £5.80: £3.40.
£2.10. £1.30. DF: £62.30. CSF: £22.45. THcast: £183.80. Tno: £60.70.
7.00: 1. IRISH FICTION (K Darley) 11-8
for; 2. Our Kevin 3-1; 3. Fan of Vest-Aude
5-2. S rsn. V2. 1. (M Charnon), Tothe: £2.10:
£1.50. £1.50. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.76.
7.30: 1. SEA-DEER (R Hits) 4-1; 2. Don
Pepe 2-1 fax; 3. Samsolois 12-1. 9 rsn.
V2. (C Dayen Tothe: £5.10. £1.60.
£1.80. £2.40. DF: £5.10. CSF: £11.63. Thcast: £77.53. Tno: £15.50.

Tyrone Williams and Derck Hayda-Jones had an appeal against the decision of the Doncaster stewards to demote Capilano Princess on 8 June dismissed at a Jockey Club disciplinary hearing vesterday. After finishing first, the local stewards found Williams guilty of careless riding and suspended him for three days, Capilano Princess was demoted to so ond. The committee heard evidence from both trainer and jockey, Gary Carter, rider of the original second, Kieren Fallon, rider of the third and Russell Price, rider of an unplaced borse, a steward at the meeting and viewed video recordings of

Kovacevic set to leave Wednesday for Sociedad

the Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal on Sunday.

It's probably because so few people are allowed in It's eas-

crop has raced more - 12 years a Grand Prix would be quite sur-

after making his debut in Brazil.

"I do think the sport lacks a dock actually is. We're all

The Jordan-Peugent driver completes his milestone -only it can make life a hit dull.

Sheffield Wednesday's Yugoslavian international striker. Darko Kovacevic, is set to join the Spanish club Real Sociedad in a deal worth around £2.5m. Wednesday's manager, David Pleat, yesterday confirmed that talks had taken place in Sheffield between Wednesday

and officials from Sociedad. He refused to elaborate except to say: "There may be an announcement early next week." However, Spanish sources say that a deal has been agreed and that Wednesday will recoup the £2.5m that they paid to Red Star Belgrade for the striker last October. The transfer depends on Kovacevic agreeing personal terms. He is set to fly to Spain

be cager to move. Kovacevic's Yugoslavian cotleague at Wednesday, the £2m defender Dejan Stefanovic, porters by selling him.

TODAY'S

NUMBER

241

The record number of crews from both domestic and international clubs, who will be

rowing on the Thames in the

Henley women's regatta next weekend. Nine of the 16 for-

eign crews are from the

United States.

for talks today and thought to

TODAY'S FIXTURES Rugby League

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Warmegton v Leets 17.30. Second Division: Barrow v Doncaster 17.30.

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT: Man: Water v Scotland (2.0); Great Brigin v Polistan (8.0). Wannen: Nemerlands v Spain (6.0) (all et Millon

Speedway Spherosat mag;
Fifth TEAM CHAMPIONESRIP (7.20): Qualifying retnd finet lag: Oxford v Swardon s Easter V Poole, Sected lag: Bette Vide v Coverby v Long Exton v Codey Heath S. Strille. Third lag: terborough v Reading v lessech v London.

Other sports ATHLETICS: AAA Championships and Olympic In als IBirminghom)

American football Lordon Monarchs will play their last game of the season against Rhein Fire on Sunday at Stamford Bridge, Chelsea, and not, as their previous games have been, at White Hart Lane. The game locks off at 3pm.

Athletics

Ayrton Senna.

time in my career."

The international Amateur Athletic Federation have said it will not ban athletes for competing in the US Olympic trials against suspended doping violators who used a court order to enter the event. US Olympic hopefuls had faced the dilemma of violating IAAF rules if they participated in the trials after Geal hopeing a former IIS collegate here. they participated in the mass after ea-tohnson, a former US collegate hep-tathion champion, had obtained a re-straining order allowing her to participate although she has been suspended by the IAAF for a positive steroid test in 1994. Several other attrictes are ex-pected to seek similar rulings before the

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto 7 New York Yan-less 4; Baltumore 10 Debox 7; Boston 3 Chop-go Winte Sox 2 (12 minings); Teads 13 Minaputice 6; California 4 Katsas City 3 (10 innings); Coldand 9 Clevetand 6; Seogle 5 Min-nesoda 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia 4 Chicago Cubs 3: Colorado a Houston 0; Montrea 8 Flonda 0; New York Mets 3 Adama 2; Cinon-neo 9 San Diego 4.

Baskethall

Inspired by the return of the steady back-up guard, Nate McMillan, the real Seat-tie SuperSonics soundly deleated the visiting Chycago Bulls 107-86 on wishing Chicago Bulls 107-86 on Wednesday, to avoid being swept out of the NBA finals, Shawn Kemp scored a game-high 25 points, Gary Payton 21 and Hersey Hawkins 18 as the Sonics reduced Chicago's lead in the best-of-seven senes to 3-1 before today's Game 5, also in Seattle.

MBA finale Seattle 107 Chicago 86 (Chicago leads best-of-seven games series 3-1).

Robert McCracken, the Commonwealth middleweight champion, is being lined up to meet the World Boxing Organi-sation world champion, Lonnie Bradley, this autumn, McCracken's handlers are working to try and persuade Bradley to defend his title in England.

4 I Plandwarn (Beh): S E Leons (N): 6 M Tra-versons (RI: 7 S Bassel (R): 8 F Guds (R): 8 G Lomback (R): 10 A Public (Lot) all same bra-Overell standings: 1 A More (Swd Shr Sorlin; 2 M Barroll (R): +2sec; 3 F Gud (R): 48: 4 G Faresn (R): 49: 5 S Cheochtn (R): 53: 8 F Holm (Den): 55; 7 R Jamann (Swd): 1-07; 8 E Betzn (Rust same brae: 9 B): Rijs (Den): 1:09; 10 R Chasson (Swn): 1:10.

SPORTING DIGEST

Blackburn are ready to sign Jason Wilcox on a new five-year deal rumoured to be worth around £1.5million. Winger Wilcox was stunned to be left out of Terry Venables's squad for Euro 96 after winning his first cap, but his consolation will be a three-year example to his current deal with Rovers and a heaty pay rise. Bradford City have signed the Dutch de-fender Marco Sas from NAC Breda on a free transfer.

a free transfer.
Paul Ince, David Ginola and Chelseabound Gianluca Vialli have been added
to the world all-star squad to play Brazil
in New Jersey on 14 July. They were
among 11 players nominated to join
eight already selected, including Jurgen
Kinsmann and the World Cup hero Romario, who would be playing against his
countrymen.

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US CUP (Einst Rutherford, New Jessey): Mexico 2 (Luis Garda 40, pen 70) Republic of Ireland 2 (Connolly 44, Davino og 49): (Wasslangton DCP United States 0 Bolivia 2 (Moreno 2 Combra 88).

COCA-COUL CUP First-found draws Sourinope v Bisalpoot: Hartepool v Unicent: Stockport v Chesterfield: Oldham v Gavrisby; Notis County v Bury, Donaster v York Hull v Scarborough: Shrewsbury v Tramster; Huddensfeld v Wisstham: Port Vale v Crewe, Wiggs v Present; Stressbury v Tramster; Huddensfeld v Wisstham: Port Vale v Crewe, Wiggs v Present; Stressbury v Tramster; Huddensfeld v Barnley, Carisbe v Chester, Hereford v Cambridge: Electry Barnet; Mithadl v Paterborough; Bestol Röven v Lutur; Svensea v Glinglanz; Jossech v Beumonguth; Colchester v West Bromech; Southerd v Plymouth; Colchester v West Bromech; Southerd v Plymouth; Colchester v West Bromech; Southerd v Plymouth; Colchester v Heston; Bremdord v Plymouth; Colchester v West Bromech; Southerd v Plymouth; Colchester v West Bromech; Fortier of the South v Bally v Burninglanz; Leyon Onart: Torquey v Bromech; Car, Gardiff v Northamptor; Brendord v Bymouth; Colchester v Heston; Swindor v Bimminglanz; Reading v Wycombe, First et is to be played vect commencing 2 September.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHALLENGE First round Cup draws; Dunde v Sterrfousemur; Albon Rovers v Stoffstoner Thistory v Junious Renges v Stamser; Cycle bank v East, Bennis, Forfar v Greenock Moton; Ross Courty v Arr. Bez. Arche, East File. (Ties to be Played Schurday 10 August).

Cycling

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Town 1 Table; 2 F Baldato (R); 3 E Zabel (Ger);

ML of Lorero (F); 75 ML Seem

Aus); M-C Essesta (Phil), 71.1 Firning (Den); E Aron (Pr); S Porster; S Neidm; L Jergen (US); S Enleaton (Swe); C Eleason Wharton (Swe); L Weime Weim), 72 R Garredo (Sp); S Pankau (US); K Moungue d'Algue (Pr); L Natarro (Sp); J Soulsby; F Pike (Aus); J Morley; E Orley (Swn); A-M Kreght (Aus); X Wursch (Sp); M Sulton; J Wille (Aus); L Ticliotto (Bel).

FOUR MATIONS PRE-OLYMPIC TOURNAMENT (Million Keynes): Meric Grox Biston 1 Germany 3 Notherlands 4 Palosem 2 Womers Greet Bittam 1 Spoin 0; Germany 4 Netherlands 1.

Rugby League
Brad Naim, Worlungon Town's Australian loose forward, was last night suspended for two matches and fined £150 by the Rugby Footbal League's disciplinary committee. It follows his sending-off by Karl Kirkpatrick, the Warmington referee, for foul and abusive language in last Sunday's Super League defeat by Leads. Speedway
FIRST TEST (Huff): England 95 (I Sorein 12, P Thorp 11, C Lous 8, M Loram 8, K Tahum 8, M Dugara 4, G Hawelock 4) Australe 41 (I Lyons 11, J Crump 10, C Boyce 6, S Parier 5, S Bowes 3, T Langlon 3, S Johnston 31, FOUS-TEAM TOURINAMIENT Qualifying round, first leg (Long Enton): Wolver-rampion 37 (R Coney 11, P Karlsson 10), Belle Vise 21 (C Manchester 10), Long Eston 20 in Moon 7, R Neay 71 Coverny 18 (B Anderson 8, S Cross 6).

Rugby Union
Bridgerd have signed Justin Burrell, the
Neath back-row forward, and 23-yearold Peter Maidland, who ran for Wales
In the 1994 Commonwealth Garnes. Leicestar yesterday announced three more signings: Rob Liley, the Sale standoff, Nell Fletcher, the Moseley second
row, and Huddersheld rugby league back,
Greg Austin. The new signings join Craig
Joiner and Austin Healey as the summer arrivals at Wetford Road.

Kevin Bowning, Water's coach, has called for an explosive opening to their Austrails tour match against New South Wales Country at Weebollsbolls Oval on Saturday. After four successive defaats and just 8 week to the second Test, Bowling commented: "We have got to take the game to them early on, it is about mostly largers and consequent." about mental hardness and concentration". Lock Gareth Llewellyn will captain a side containing 10 of the first Test tearn with centre Gareth Thomas maintaining his 100 per cent your record

maintaining his 100 per cent sour record with his soth start.

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The Olympic medal hopes John Merricks and Ian Welker pulled back on track yes-terday finishing seventh overall at the

RACING RESULTS

NEWBURY

2.00: 1. OCEAN RIDGE (I Reid) 6-4 fav.
2. Eurollick Exceller 14-1; 3. State Fair
25-1. 13 cm. 4, 134. (P Chaptel-Hyorn, Manton). Tota: 52.40; £1.30, £3.10, £8.20, OF.
£16.20, CSP. £5.52. Fair Nor wor: £373.20
carried forward by York 2.40 indby.
2.30: 1. FUN GALORE (M Hils) 7-1; 2. Wolf Mountain Evers fav. 3. Hill Ribuspody
10-1. 6 ras. Hd. 4, (B Hils, Lambourn). Tota:
£7.50; £2.20, £1.30, DF: £4.20, CSP.
£14.28.
3.00: 1. EVENGLADES (Pat Editing) 9-2:
2. Hil Nod 2-1 fav; 3. Cazimas 13-2, 8 ras.
Sr Ind. 2. (R Cheriton, Berkhampton). Tota:
£6.40; £2.90, £1.40, DF: £5.20, CSP.
£13.21, NR: Classic Sig. Classic Sig. (10-1)
was withdrawn not under orders, Rule 4 applies to board prices only, deduction of 5 perces
in the pound.
3.30: 1. SARDIONEC (W Ryan) 5-2 fav. 2.
Man Albaeva 20-1; 3. Aerthelia 16-1, 10 ren.
Hd. ½2. (H Coc), Newmarkett, Tota: £3.30;
£1.60, £4.20, £4.70, DF: £36.50, CSP.
£48.54, Trio: £93.90, NR: Shawari, Shawarrid-1) was withdrawn not under orders, Rule
4 applies to board prices only, deduction of
20 pence in the pound.
4.00: 1. TEMPTRESS (S Sanders) 12-1;
2. Present Arms 11-4; 3. Callido Star
5-2 fav. 10 ras. ½4, 3h Hd. (P Walwyn, Lambourn). Yota: £10.50; £2.30, £1.50, £1.70.
DF: £13.40, CSP; £41.90, Texes: £10.1.55,
Trio: £13.50,
4.30: 1. MEDIEVAL LADY U Reidy 10-1;
4. Habiland Rhassody 11-4 far. 3. Med-NEWBURY

DF: £13.40, CSP: £41.90. Tricset: £101.25. Tric: £13.50,

4.30: 1. MEDIEWAL LADY II Reid) 10-1;

2. Highland Rhapsody 11-4 fax: 3. High Suntimer 41-1, 7 rat. 114.114, (Andy Hernes, Linitehampton). Totas: £13.60: £3.40, £1.90, £1.90. DF: £28.00. CSP: £39.56 Trox £1.93.00. NR: Delien Warker, Marsol. 5.00: 1. HELIOS (A Whitain) 5-1; 2. Easy Jet 5-1; 3. Piytar Pentment 9-2 it fov. 8 rat. 9-2 it fav Knobbleeneaus (4th. 14/4, 2. (N Walker, Marsoln Liele). Totas: £6.30: £1.90. £2.20, £1.70. DF: £27.30. CSF: £27.15. Tricest: £105.88, Jackpot: Not work £3.164.13 carried forward to York today.

Place 9: £21.02. Place 5: £8.99.

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22.00, £1,70. DF: £40.90, CSF: £84.00. Tid: £176.30, 3.15t: 1. THREE ARCH SREDGE () Westers 6:1; 2. Spenish Verdict 11.2; 2. Thatched 11.4. 3 ris., 2-1 for Commander Gen (5th). 12. 2. OM. Idraston, Middlettami, Telez £8.20, £2.80, DF: £13.30. CSF: £22.51, 3.48t: 1. ETTERSY PARK () Farming 5-1; 2. Memoryas 11.1; 3. Miletar Aspecto 10-1; 10 riss. 3-1 for Levin Order, £42, 1. UM. Johnston, Middlettami, Totae £6.50, £22.0, £3.40, £3.20. DF: £35.40, CSF: £55.63. Thoust £485.37. Title £72.20, 4.15t. 1. WRE ACT F Norted 3-1 for, 2. Not-tier 11.2; 3. Fish Prince 50-1; 10 riss. Hd. 13-0. DF: £14.70. CSF. £19.18. Ther £153.10. NR: Haute Cusine,

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Dettori is elbowed out of Ascot

JOHN COBB

Frankie Dettori, more accustomed to exiting from horses via the spectacular vertical dismount, was thrown from a flighty filly in the parade ring at Newbury yesterday and will miss next week's Royal Ascot meeting with a broken elbow. He had been 7-4 second favourite, behind Michael Kinane.

to be top jockey at the meeting. Dettori was on the Godolphin filly Shawanni before the Ballymacoll Stud Stakes when she reared over parametric to her rider on the parade ring's tarmac path.

His ien crow and the pact of the fall and he sat on the ceiving medical attention before being taken by stretcher into an ambulance.

Despite his obvious pain, Dettori remained cheery. "I broke the other one a long time ago, so I know what it feels like," he said. "My left elbow doesn't feel too good and I feel a bit shaky.

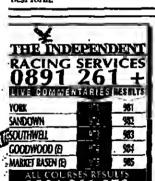
The champion jockey was taken to the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading where an X-ray examination confirmed that he had broken his elbow.

Dettori, champion for the last two years, has had a campaign interrupted by suspensions and has been left trailing by Pat Eddery by 12 wins. But he was back at the peak of his form on Wednesday when riding six win-ners in a day for the first time and devoted some of his time at Newbury vesterday to supporting the Dorset-based Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy. his charity of the year.

His accident was witnessed by Alan Dadswell, a race-reader with Superform, who was standing just a few feet away. "As soon as Frankie got on the filly she planted herself," he reported. "He managed to get her to move but then she went sideways into the rail and straight over backwards."

YORK 2.40: SURPRISE MISSION, who was hampered both early on and two fundones out when finishing four lengths fifth to Sailormaite on un-favourably good to soft ground at Haydock last time out, has more suitable underfoot conditions this capped. Portend may be the chief

3.10: TEDBURROW, who was badly drawn and was not given a hard time once beaten when finishing three lengths fourth to Safformaite at Haydock over five furiongs on his last appearance, will be better suit-ed by this faster surface and should go well. Cyrano's Lad and Musical Season are both dangers on their



McCoy collects

Britain's new Champion National Hunt jockey. Tony Mc-Coy, and the top conditional rider, Richard Johnson, will be presented with their trophies at Market Rasen's fixture this evening. McCoy rode 175 winoers to claim the crown, 43 ahead of his nearest pursuer, David Bridgwater. Johnson, attached to the David Nicholson stable, was a clear winner of the conditionals' race with 53 wins.

Two of the main equine attractions at Ascot went through their paces yesterday, both pleasing their trainers and confirming their passage to Berk-shire. Double Trigger, the Ascot Gold Cup favourite, delighted Mark Johnston in his final serious workont before attempting the double in Thursday's

Double Trigger, under Bob-bie Elliot, led the Johnston string in a five-firrlong canter before getting down to the serious stuff alongside the Queen's Vase entry Lallans over a mile and a half on Middleham High

"That was perfect," Johnstoo

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Wise Approach (Market Rasen 7.50) NB: Witching Hour (York 4.45)

said. "We just need a troublefree run between now and Thursday. Today will be the last time he goes upsides another borse."

The days leading up to the race will be of particular concern to Johnston following the mjury to Donble Trigger's fullbrother, Double Eclipse. The pair were expected to oppose each other at Ascot but Double Eclipse's recent foot injury brought home to Johnston how fortunate he would be to get one of the pair to the meeting.

"People don't realise how lucky you have to be to keep two top-class stayers sound and Double Eclipse's injury proved the point to me," he said.

Ashkalani, the favourite for the St James's Palace Stakes on Tuesday, worked well at Chantilly yesterday and his trainer, Alain de Royer-Dupre, con-firmed that Michael Kinane will deputise for Gerald Mossé if the latter's appeal against a four-day ban is unsuccessful. Also Ascot bound is John Hainmond's Prix Lupin third, Fort Nottingham, with the King Ed-



3.40: CELERIC, who beat Golden Arrow by a length over today's course and distance on his season-al debut, should have come on for that and can follow up.

 α 4.10: ACHILLES HEEL, who ran Dance So Suite to 11/2 lengths when carrying 14lb more than his true handicap weight at Epson, bas yet to be reassessed and is the provertial handicap suip.



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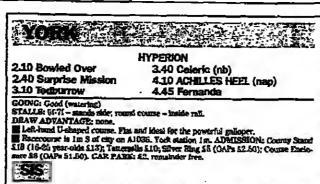
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LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: H Coch 25 winners from 55 name species ratio of 26,5% and a loss to a \$1 level stake of \$12,46; M Storoes, 123 runners, 18,7%, +59,55; P Cole — 18 wirepers, 79 runners, 20 ners, 133 runners, 18.7%, 459.55; P Cohe — 18 winners, 79 runners, 20.2%, 451.46.

E LEADING JOCESTS: L Dectod — 38 winners, 172 cides, 22.7%, +54.5.08; Pat Eddery — 30 winners, 197 rides, 18.9%, -62.36; W Carron — 31 winners, 202 rides, 18.3%, -62.48.2; J Reid — 18 winners, 163 rides, 11.8%, -648.71.

ELINERIES FIRST TIME: Gallardial (viscord) (4.10).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Here Comes Herbia (4.10) won at Catterick

on Friday.

LONG-DUSTANCE EUROPERO: Fernando (4.45) sens 255 miles by J Dunlop from Arundel, W Sussex; Bowled Over (2.10) sens 245 miles by C Cyner from Mandelman, W Sossex.

2.10 MARKETING WEEK MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E) £6,000 added 3YO 1m 4f Penalty Value £4,230 O ARENT WE LIDENT (20) (Mayor I C Storley) J J O'Neel 8 D.

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6- HAPPY TARNES (267) (The Stath Contracted) C Murray 9 D.

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5-5 declared -

BETTING: 4-5 King Of Sports, 5-2 Bowled Over, 5-2 Happy Talpen, 7-1 Buts We Lordey 1990: Corrading 3 8 0 W Ryen 9-1 (H Cacel 5 am

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BOWLED OVER is worth another chance to confirm the promise of his Chester third behind Legal Right and Sheribou, who give the form such a boost in the Derby. The Chester rock was over 10 farbrigs and he shaped as though a longer trip would suc. Aling Of Sperta is the obvious sharmative, shittings his did not show the aspected improvement from his Kernghon debut when runner-up to Pastian Punch at Whistor, it could be that the step up to 12 fairforgs will do the trick. Bestoughthat the recommendance of the step of the

2.40 NAPOLEONS CASINO HANDICAP (CLASS C) - 1 (c) 13 - 1 (c) 13

Afficients weight: 7st 10th, The handlesp veight Stacks July 7st 9th.

IEXTINE: 7-4. Saddishnors, 8-5. Perinad, Betton, 20-1 Tadon, Bejon Rose, Tart And A Half, Tuncan

Rose, Striff 5-2-4 debts. Davis, Stoffed, 12-1 others 1905: Sant Express 5 10 O K Darley 7-1 (Jan M Reneley) 13 cm

SANDOWN

HYPERION

2.15 Blue Ridge 2.50 Regal Patrol 3.20 Master Charter 3.55 Sycamore Lodge 4.30 Russian Re-guest 5.00 La Suguet 5.35 Silver Hunter

GOENG: Good to Firm.
STALLS: Straight course – stands side; rest – inside.
DEAW ADVANTAGE: High for St; low for 7t & [m.
Exight-hand course. Separate still 5 track.
Expectation of the stands of the

whee from Landon, Waterloans of Language States and the five from Landon, Waterloans adjoint course. ADMIRSTON: Clab & Grandutend (combined) \$12; Junior Clab (18 - 25yrs) \$10; Perk \$4, CAR PARK; \$2 to members (More Lane), remainder free.

WATERVARD IN THE LAST A SEVEN HARDS NOTE: NOTE: LEWIS THE LAST AS SEVEN HARDS NOTE: MARKET CHATTER (3.20) & Specimens a Lodge (3.56) have been sent 240 miles by Mrs J Emmeden from Sandhaton, N Yorks; Les Saquet (5.00) sent 224 miles by N Traiter from Language, N Yorks; Metal Buys (5.00) sent 220 miles by Mrs L Siddall from Colton, N Yorks.

2.15 SUN BANK MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D)

2.50 SRJ GROUP MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 0) £5,000 added 270 7f

BETTENC: 3-1 Putro, 7-2 Regal Patrol, 4-1 Beanty The Dip, 5-1 Bundors, 5-1 Powder Hiver, 10-1 Capitale William, 12-1 others

3.20 DEVITT DA DIAMOND JUST EE HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 1m 2f

3305-32 MANDR CHANGE (20) R Norwon 4 9 10... Dane Chall (3) 7
2519-00 SPEER DANZIG (20) SP R Amatorg 4 9 9 W Woods 6
0450-65 MENKS 80LD (20) S Dow 4 9 7 M Roberts 5
612-633 MONES ASSENDED (20) (20) P harm 4 9 4 S Hard 9
35-6522 SELEYCE, (4) (20) Roberts 4 9 1 S Thomson 3
16-1122 MASTER CHARTER (6) (67) Ms J Romadon 4 2 12

BETTHRE: 7-2 Major Change, 5-2 Moster Charter, 5-1 Standy, 8-1 Rings Assembly, 7-1 Febrs, 8-1 Willie Cosquer, Herms Sold, 10-1 others

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Pat Eddory 8

£4,550 added 2YO 5f Byds MINE FRANCE (7) R Harron 90....

CADERIX CHER (4) 8 His. 80...

CHANNER MINES B SA

BLINEERED FIRST TOLE: 2.50 Powder River, WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

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of these vers from an starts last season over the measure mp and this hard-putter should find the furious steal this year. Desert light, who gets on edge in the pretrigitance, should a more working tentionly to large away from the winp on new final start of Donesser, but she still managed to finish a clear second beat to smart My Branch in a runsery over an artist furiongs. Today, Desert Tigar is drawn on the stancer rail and could prove principle to eath with that to gaide her. Lynda Rampden is also doubly represented, with Denser and Surpales Misselon, Borroce is in good form, having won and then finished second to To The Rod on consecutive days at theirst last morth, both three narring really well from a poor draw. Bersoc has more on his piate now, though, and Ween Fallon is on Surpres Misselon. This lightly-raced four-year-end has been hampered both starts this term, finishing 16th of 18 to Stuffed at Turbs and then this to Salignmage at Haydods, and is causable of much have shown that a winning turn was near, finishing an eye-catching severath to Fery Wind have last month. A dual course and distance winner, he has drooped to a glood mark. Be-jee Rose faces a very stiff test with a Tip penalty for last weeks Chester win from Lady Jies Rose faces a very stiff task with a 7th penetry for last weeks Chester win in Shariff, meeting the numer-up 12th worse for a length and three-quarters. Nachan some encouragement in soch then and is not without a chance. Porteed and 5th closely metched on lear month's Room numing and Porteed confirmed his well-ber second to Juces at Redcer - Shadow Jary fourth, Lady Sheriff solth and For The severath. That And A Half should have the ground in her favour and has been lond the flow which the highly considered. Constant

•	_	Selection, Desert History	
[3.10	SHEPHERD SPRINT RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) £20,000 added 6f Penalty Value £12,792	
1	00-4004	DOUBLE MUE (12) (D) (R W Huggers) M Johnson 7 9 7 Whener 8	
2	13350-4	STYLISH WAYS (31) (D) (am Holl Racing) Mes 5 Half 4 9 3	i
3	130-646	GYRANG'S LAD (13) Bit M Footget C Dayer 7 8 9	ľ
4	5020-00	LESSICAL SEASON (20) (P.O. Sault) TO Barron 4.88K Daviey 2	i
		TEDBURROW (20) (D) (Philo Daviel Mrs A Haughton 4 8 7	ì
6	120-465	BASSY MARE (12) (Alto Corol Bloom) J Quant 3 8 3F Lynch (5) B 8 declared _	-
44	-	he die 70 (Syn 7s; 130). The handing weight Fedhamin Sci 45.	
BE	TO 12: 3-1	Rabor Robe, 7-2 Stellat Word, 4-1 Corpor's Last, 9-2 Technology, 5-1 Double Nine.	ı

95% Cheyerna Spirit 3 8 4 W Carson 8-1 (B Harbury) 10 rail

[3.40	INTERNATIONAL RATED HANDICAP (CLASS C) £13,000 added 1m 6f Penaity Value £8,184
1	132045	SIAMET (963) (T.A. Johnson, Mass C. Johnson, S. 9.7
2		CELERC GO, (CO) (Contractor Sperce) D Modey 49 1
3		1.080 JM (195) Als 8 Y Thomas Loro Huntration 4 9 5 7 lives 6
4		RODAL SCRIPTAR (USA) (22) ORM Price Faho Salman) P Cole 4 9 4
5		CORRADRE (20) (C) (SF) (K Abdulle) H Cecil 4 9 3
8	012-6	HAMBOUR ISLAND (D) OR Barrett) M Stocke 4 9 0 X Fellon 4 8
7		WATER WISELY (20) EN U C Smith J Existee 2 8 15] Take 6
8		KADASTROF (FIX) (IX) (A P Patrol) R Dicke 8 8 7
ı	PRINCIPAL WELL	ht: But 7b, True handlesp weight: Kadastrof But 6th.
1	TORSE E.	Calcula C.S Bornel Calmillon & S Companied 7 S Marketon belond 50 S Invest Michael

24-1 Summer, 25-1 others 1992: Wishing 4 9 4 1 Quen 13-2 (R Alekurst) 7 pan

3.55 SUN LIFE OF CANADA HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 7f

C) £10,000 added 7f

1 000-434 GENERARCH SISE (D) 8 Pairs 5 9 13 ______ E Doyle 2

2 000305 ERILINI (SIS (D) C British 8 9 10 ______ B Doyle 2

3 404013 HELMEST (DSA) (SI) (D) N Waher 4 8 8 _____ 1 Stack (D) 9

4 405-00 EINE HOPE (ISA) (SIS (D) C Egyrian 4 9 8 _____ 1 Bunk (D) 9

5 010151 SCHAMBERIST (20) (CD) 8 500 4 88 _____ A Bunk (D) 9

6 2255-00 FORENTIA (CS) (C) J Forentiate 3 9 7 _____ D Harrison 12

7 365310 GRANGE FLACE (B) (D) 7 Marginon 5 9 5 _____ Bull Hills 7

5 200-00 SHAWE (ESA) (7) (D) 18 Harron 4 9 5 _____ Put Bulloy 20

9 115603 RANGS (7) (D) 18 L Shatts 8 9 2 _____ J Figen 31

10 12-3030 SAND SOUR (ES) (D) 0 Visigh June 4 9 0 _____ A Markon 3

2 344233 SYMMRISE (DDEE (D) May J Remeden 5 8 12 _____ 8

12 0-20013 DISELID (S) (D) M Binwisted 5 8 8 _____ MR Roberts 6

—12 declared —

SETTNIC: 4-1 Sychesora Lodge, 9-2 Schemborst, 5-1 Nament, 7-1 Or mage Place, 8-1 Chickmoides, Duelle, 10-1 Robis, 12-1 others

4.30 POLICYHOLDERS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 1m 2f

5.00 BASING VIEW CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £4,000 added 5f

5.35 SURREY RACING HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,500 added 1m 3f 91yds

Minimum 7s 10th. This is 7s 5th Jean De Firster 7s 3th Smooting 6st 13th BETTRIB 5-1 Deaner Mag 6-1 Howard Regist, 7-1 Fight Manter, 5-1 Dont Shoot Feirles, Howshery, 10-1 Fishtsione Martin, Took 1st, 12-1 others

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O MALLOCH (101) Goeden 9 D.

Mark Johnston saddles two three-year-olds and, while Tadeo looks to have enough weight, DESERT TIGER just could be a class above these. The Green Desert fifty gained the first two of three tens from six starts last, season over the measurum trip and this hard-putier should

	eL	Selection: DESERT TIGER
1	3.10	SHEPHERD SPRINT RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) £20,000 added 6f Penalty Value £12,792
		DOUBLE MINE (13) (D) (R W Hugges) M Johnson 797 J Wester 8
•	13350-4	STYLISH WAYS (310) (5) (bir Hold Factor) Mes 5 Hall 4 9 3
	130-646	GYRANO'S LAD (12) (At M Fourer) C Dayer 7 8 9
ļ	5020-00	MRISICAL SEASON (20) IP 0 Sault TO Barron 4 88 K Daviey 2
	1660-04	TEDBURSOW (20) (0) (Philip Desect Mrs A Haughoon 4 8 7
	120-465	BASSY MARE (12) (Afra Carol Brown) J Quant 3 8 3 F Lynch (5) 8
A	-	for that 7th (Syn 7st 130). The handlap weight Fedhamow St. 45.
E	TO 12 3-1	Rabor Robe, 7-2 Stellat: Wors, 4-1 Corner's Lart, 9-2 Tellaryou, 5-1 Couble Rise.

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CYRAND'S LAD, whose wine lest your were over longer trips, set a good pace when dropped to the furiongs at Newtrocket lest time and was only done for speed in the final furiong, finishing about two lengths each to Top Banaria. The stap up to sot is very much in his taxour and the handicapper looks to have taken a chance in dropping him a further 2th for that test run. Cyrand's Lad was slath to listedly Streep over this trip is Newmanist on his reappearance of a 6th righer mark then today. He was half a length in front of Double Blave, yet meets him on 3b better terms. Double Blave has not been at his best this year and was over five lengths behind Stylish Ways when they were fourth and eighth to Jayannpee over course and distances lest month. A fire through Madly Sheep, canner-up in that race, gives Cyrand's Lad the edge on Stylish Ways when they were fourth and eighth to Jayannpee over course much distances lest month. A fire through Madly Sheep, canner-up in that race, gives Cyrand's Lad the edge on Stylish Ways in receipt of 8th. Babey Babe, the only three-year-old in the main, has every chance judged on her most recent efforts, a bourth to Struggler at Beverley and then a 4th of the old the slate heaving weight. However, he do from the old a half lengths in front of lifestedle less time from touth to Salaromete at Haydook less time but meets that help, who has yet to find his form this year, on 5th noorse terms.

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CELERIC struggled to get a run up the inner over course and destance less time, but he eventually got through a furiong out and ran out an impressive writter from Golden Arrow. A son of the late-developing Mitto, he improved throughout lost year and thus bless run suggests he is still an the upgrade. Octoor showed that this course is to his living when withing here last August and a 5-bit rise in his many found not be enough to present him gaining it that success here. Repail Sciantian shapes as though this timp will sust, as he halled to question having stolen a clear lead over three furtions; out at Goodwood last time, keeping on to be thank to larger. He may be the one to stretch Celembia will be rutherable to that mails strong finish if again setting the pace. Consideria, fund to Merit in the Chester Cuc (Madastrot) will be anything and fourth to Snow Process at Doncaster (wheelt Work, back officerms to be in the handicappers gop and lacks a turn of took. The ground is not soft enough for Katistrot, while Marticle hall give in a processor, and in the inches time out lest year. His form offerwards was in and our, but he has been golded and to interesting on his first stant for Lord Hursington. Selections CELERED FORM GUIDE

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A 4 MONKS APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS E) A 1
4.10 MONKS APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS E) C4
1 05:54-0 (EDSTELLA (USA) (21) (R M Wheater) R Wheater 7 9 13 P Fredericks (II) 12
2 0-04060 ADVANCE EAST (1.1) (Paul H Lode) Mrs J Ramsdon 4 9 8
3 351011 WOODRISING (305) (The Blue Chip Group) C Egenon 4.9 7
4 1000/26- ERE LEATH-SCEAL (332) (D) (Mel Brezen) M Smaan 9 9 5
5 54550 SPECIAL BEIO (276) (C Marrier) P Cole 4 9 3
6 CO-COSTS AUTRUSTRAY (ID) (CD) (S K.R. Record) S College 5 8 12
7 0-00022 908ANLYN (9) 94s Strain Walter) J Warrenger 489
8 005006 PENDOLINO (253) Ann Bootst M Britain 5.85
9 234360- PEPITIST (246) (The German Parlmership 2) M Hammond 5 8 4
10 4-40006 GALLANDON (5) IS P Humon 8 5 Romets 7 8 2
11 0-06521 HERE COMES HERRIE (7) (0) (N 5 Hunthrison) W Store, 4.8.2 (See
12 500-064 SWANDALE REFER (140 Visione Corruthers) N Bycroft 4 8 0
13 54-0052 ACHILLES HEEL (6) (D) (Carnetol Racrig) C Alen 5 : 13
- 13 declared -
BETTRIC: 7-2 Hare Comes Herbie, 4-1 Woodrising, 5-2 Archites Heel, 5-1 Bohardyn, Swandale Fly-

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ACHILLES HEEL had been out of form for a while but bounced back in no uncertain terms when a length and three-quarters second to Danco So Suite in the valuable apprentice handles at Epsom on Darby Day. He was fully 286 out of the handlap then but is able to nice off his cornect mark today. The handlapper has interpreted the Eppom term iteraby and abrilles Heel will be 186 higher from homotoxy, so this is a chance that halfs must be taken. The text is that he does look thrown in judged on the pick of his form last spring, so each life he had be worth backing unities he is a very short price. Here Comes Herble was Should of the nandlap when beening Calder lang a length of Catterich last week, but he had been showing up well beforehand and a Sib penalty means he races off his form mark and 40 today. He should nam woll. Advance Earls's soudie shoped at Thirsh last time, but he had not quite well when sorth to Remandi Sun over course and destance prevently and is 10to lower than at the start of the season. Beleastly is another back to form and was best enjoyed an interpretable of the mark by Mock Froit in Beverley lost time - Calibratinal sorth. Weeding lang whence of three claimers last season (changed Stables todo), were on to score hade over hundred and than on America. Augustuss is 10th lower than when winning the race last year and has shown some promise this season.

Selections ACHILLES HEEL

	s root les	R (24) 163 Marin Bolic provide Did Actor. Desection 143 Marin 164
4	.45	UNIVERSITY OF YORK STAKES (CLASS C) £7,500 added 2YO filles & Penalty Value £4,878
<u>. </u>	1	PERMANDA (21) (D) (Subset At Kabeer) J Dunico 9 2
2	501	MOLLY DOLLMANDED (20) 6R V Hughes and Partners! W Elsey 9.2
3	1	WITCHING HOUR (20) (D) (Greenber Stables Lim Mrs J Cool 9 2
4	1	SAMSUNG SPIRIT (14) (D) IT A Scotherni E Weymen 8 11
5		HEATHYARDS PEAKL (MEA) (L.A. Morgan) R Hollinshead B B
		- 5 declared -

NG: 6-5 Waching Hour, 7-4 Fernands, 7-2 Sampling Spirit, 16-2 Heathyurds Pearl, 20-1 Molang Bay 2 9 0 W Ryan 4-7 (I Baiding) 3 ran

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FERNIANIDA condorably got the better of Haldaniyah when both made their debuts at Nattingham best morth and there was a five-length gap to the third, the odds-on Son Haldaniyah,
was the impressive immor of a Newmarkst modern an Southay, beating Hen Hamor, stablemate to Fernanda, an easy three lengths. John Dunlop sent out Conspiracy to be four
lengths second to the impressive Witching Hour at Sabstury, so the should have where Ferranda stands in relation to that mad. Semining Spirit will find this tougher than the Ayr auction marken she won on her debut, but she can improve and the Ayr third, Biff Em, nat way
at Hamilton since.

Selection: FERNANDS, FORM OUNDE

SOUTHWELL

2.00 Montone 2.30 Red Phantom 3.05 Make Ready 3.35 Hadadabble 4.05 Adloaldo 4.35 Kung Prode 5.05 Veni Vidi Vici

GOING: Standard. STALLS: Sf & Im 6f - omade; rest - melde. DEAW ADVANTAGE: Low for G & Ti.

Fibresand surface: left-hand sharp, ond course.

Course is fan W of Newark. Rollesson Aunc adjoins or
MISSION: Club & J 2: Tauersalls & G (DAP members o Diamond Club S L. accompanied under-16s free L CAR PARK: Pres

SIS PARE BLINEERS FIRST TOOK: Elemetica (vected) (2,00); Urban Lily (2.30); Sin Garden (4.05). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: None.
LANG-DISTANCE RIDINERS: Read; To Draw (2.30) has been sent 200 miles by R O'Sullivan from Whitrombe, Dorpet; Flash-feet (2.00) sent 193 miles by K Bishop from Spaxton, Somerset; 9tuckit Lad (2.30), Urban Lily (2.30) & Cedur Dancer (4.06) sent 187 miles by R Hodges from Charlton Adam, Somerset.

2.00 AMETHYST AMATEUR HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 7f

BETTING: 5-1 Monten, 7-2 Pathic Way, 8-2 Pris Craiser, 5-1 Spanish Schper, 8-2 Drief James' Get, Fashifort, 12-2 Blow Dry, 18-1 stines 2-30 DIAMOND CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 6f

4 0 KIRSAURM (S) H Dycrit 8 B 12 ______ Alex Treames 9
5 DEZCOO MEMER TIME (S) Mrs Y Aconley 4 B 11 _____ M Deering 7
8 32323 PHARLY DINNER (7) (CD) W Mrsg 7 B 9 ____ M Featon 8
7 000-235 ZESTI (15) 7 Clemen 4 B 5 _____ M Featon 8
8 22122-0 BROOM ISLE (20) 0 BUTCH 8 B 4 _____ Dean McKecow 2
9 3605-50 SINCLAIR LAD (15) B) R Horges 8 B 5 P P Mrsrby (5) 11 B
10 /53/203 RESUNT 1D DRAW (6) R UTSLINGT 7 B 1 ______ O Biggs 8
11 URBAN ILLY R Horges 6 B 0 _____ F Morton 4 B
-13 declared _____ 13 declared _____ F Mrst 10 A B
SETTINGS 9-4 Pharty Darrow, 3-1 Shody To Draw, Red Planttom, Broom Inte, 14-1 Shocker Lad, 18-1 Urban Uhy, 33-1 others

3.05
LANGLEY S MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN
STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 2YO 55

4 JACK SATS (18) 7 Easterby 9 0 ______M Blrch 6
5 RED TEST (USA) (14) W O'Gorman 9 0 __Easter 0 O'Bornan 4 RISING BLORY 5 Bowing 9 0 ______ Deep McG USS CALDROU (7) C Februard 8 9 ______ Deep McG EMMA'S RISK R Williams 8 9 _____ Newto - 2D declared -BETRING: 7-2 Lacky Ozionood, 9-2 Ermay's Risk, Calchou, 5-1 Lack Soys, Make Ready, 5-1 Rad Teet, 20-1 Rising Glory, 12-1 others

3.35 MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS E) (DIV I) £3,700 added 3YO 1m - 9 Decising -BETTING: 11-4 Qualitair Beasty, 3-1 Larry Lambrusco, 7-2 Heda Newtonigo Boy, 4-1 Magic Heights, 24-1 Bites, 20-1 Others

4.05 PEARL SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) 60/0000 RUBY PLUS (10) G Oldroyd 5 7 10 .

504-06 CAMMANION STICK (34) P Felipite 3 7 10 ... 14 declared - 10 marticular 4 10 marticular 4 10 marticular 4 10 marticular 4 marti

4.35 EMERALD HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 5f

5.05 MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS E) (DIV II) £3,700 added 3YO 1m O BARRACK VARIO (25) A Stevent 9 0 ______ S Winthworth 2 B HAPPY VENTURER (25) C harry 9 0 _____ C Hodgeon 3 O MOONFAUMER (23) T thorogon 9 0 _____ As Each 7 THE COOPELLOW B DEVOT 9 0 _____ As Each Reviews 5 50 VENT VER VER (248) At Heater-Eile 9 0 _____ J Fonde (7) A SAFE DANCER 8 MeMairon 8 9 ____ R Standardson (7) B SAFE DANCER 8 MeMairon 8 9 ____ R D. C Duffield 8 SHOWNY WANTE 1 Device 8 9 ____ F Norton 1. - 8 doctored -BETTING: 9-4 Veni Viol Viol, 7-2 Safa Dancer, 5-1 Happy Venturer, Bar rack Yard, Hamilton Gold, 6-1 Snowy Mantle, 10-1 others

6.35 Boston Rock 7.05 Maid By The Fire 7.35

525-30 HDR25TI (36) C Betain 4 8 10 _____ 10-4363 FAHS (NSA) (4) R Aletura 4 8 2 _____ — 9 declared —

Chinensis 8.05 Coastguards Hero 8.35 Ancient Quest 9.05 Scissor Ridge GOING: Straight course - Good; round course - Good to Firm.

GOING: Straight course - Good; round course - Good to Firm.
STALLES Straight - starteds side; round - inside.
DEAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5f and St. High for 7f to 1m.
Exhipt-hand course with sharp bends and gradients. Suitable for the well-halmond, attlieth horse.

Excessorier is N of Chichester between A286 and A235. Chichester station 4m. ADMISSION: Richmond Enclosure 516, Gordon Enclosure 510, Public Bridoure 51 (over-50s 53). Accompanied under 17a free all enclosures. CAR PARE: \$25.

BLINKERED PIEST TIME: Maid By The Fire (7.96), Hever Golf Bagic (8.05).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS; Get Tough (7.35) won. 6.35 SOUTH COAST RADIO AMATEUR HAND-ICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added 1m 1

7.05 GOODWOOD GOLF CLUB MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000 added 270 filles of

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7.35 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS HICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 3YO 1m 2f

8.05 SOUTHERN FM CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3YO 1m

BETTING: 3-2 Series Secure, 7-2 Contiguer's Hero, 3-2 Cuty, 6-1 Hover Golf Engle, 6-1 Determine Act, 10-2 Contor Ridge, 12-1 others

8.35 SUSSEX ENTERPRISE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,500 added 370 1m 4f

022 ANCENT QUEST (IA) (89) N Cataghan 80 __Pat Eaklary 4
0 ANGENGS (IA) (Gorden 9 0 _____ 6 Hard 2
CHEALLIS (USA) Lord Hurtington 9 0 _____ 1 Red 8
1422 (MRK May Gay Release) 9 0 _____ 2 more Official (2) 3 05 MLDU (48) E HE 90....

9.05 HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 6f

6.50 Sian Wyn 7.20 Phalarope 7.50 Strong Sound 8.20 Gale Ahead 8.50 Tukano 9.20 Catch The

MARKET RASEN

GOING: Good to Pirm (Good in places).

Raph-hand, sharp, undulating circuit. Raph of one furioug.

Course is E of town ASCI. Market Rasen station (Lincoln Grimely line) Im. ADMISSION: Clab S 12; Tattersalle S8 (OAPs bilee Chib OAPs \$2.50). CAR PARK: picnic areas 52, rest free.

ALINERRED PLEST TIME: Bitte Justice, Mendip Son (6.50). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN HAYS: Phalarope (7.20) won at Worcester on Saturday; Takano (8.50) won at Perth an Priday. JUNG-BISTANCE EUNINERS: Winale Lorraine (8.20) has been sent 227 miles by A Aher from Droop, Dorse: Surgical Spirit; (6.50) sent 212 miles by J Poulton from Telecombe, E Suissex; Sabotenne (8.20) sent 207 miles by J Poulton from Lewes, E Suissex; Sabotenne (8.20) sent 207 miles by J Poulton from Lewes, E Suissex; Chaunel Pastriner (7.50) sent 186 miles by D Burchell from Bricry Hill, Gwent; Chris's Glen (7.20) & Maggota Green (8.20) sent 185 miles by J M Bradley from Sedbury, Gwent. 6.50 PROMOTA JOCKEYS TITLE SELLING HUR-DLE (CLASS G) £2,500 added 2m 1f 110 yds

CETTENE: 3-1 Sian Wyn, 3-2 Lago Lago, 6-1 The Justice, 8-1 Mendio Son, 10-1 Suios Mountaio, Normood Lago, 12-1 others

7.20 ROSELAND GROUP HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 3f 110yds

SETTIMO: 7-4 Phalompe, 9-2 Posja, 5-1 Dark Silhoet 7-1 Crossing Cross, 8-1 Circle's Gen, 12-1 others

7.50 TOTE SUMMER FESTIVAL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £12,500 added 2m 4f

8.20 LINCOLNSHIRE ECHO HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £6,000 added 3m 1f

- 12 declared -BETTHIG: 7-2 Gale Aboud, 4-1 Action, 9-2 East Houston, 6-1 Winnie Lor rains, Romany King, 12-1 Knockumehin, Regardons, 14-1 others 8.50 ROTARY CLUB NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 2m 3f 110yds

1 650/62-1 MLERAK (CAN) BB M Harmond 5 11 6 ... R Garnithy
2 00022-1 TUKANO (CAN) BB M Harmond 5 11 6 ... A P McCoy
3 0402 SINCER EDOM (424) K Bakey 6 11 0 ... J Outdoors
4 SIMON SAYS R Cags 6 11 0 ... B Feeton (3)
5 407 CLASHAMAN (412) O Beenson 6 10 9 ... M Breenson 88 FEET MS P Gamper 4 10 8 ... Michael Breenson (7)
65U CAMERUKY (12) Mss. 1, Social 4 10 8 ... A Thornton -7 docknotd BETTINE 4-5 Micrail. 3-1 Tuliusin, 9-1 River Room, 14-1 Caldway, Canabarnad, 20-1 Indee, Simon Says

9.20 STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,600 added 1m 5f 110yds

While the Turks have as much chance as the Dog and Duck B team of reaching the final, their fans are truly world class

at the City Ground on Tuesday that suggested Euro 96 might not have diverted the English football fan away from his annual summer workout on his lethargy. It was a chant 10 minutes hefore the start of Turkey's match against Croatia.

While the Turks probably have as much chance as the Dog and Duck Sunday B team of reaching the final at Wembley on 30 June, their fans truly are world class. There were no more than 10,000 in Nottingham and frankly they would have outshouted the Kop, the Stretford End or any of the great English citadels of support of the Sixties.

Stereotypes were hard to resist. There'll not be a kebab house in north London open tonight," one colleague commented, then some-

queues for a large donner in Hol-loway and Wood Green might not a kebab house in the Potteries, said be overlong after all.

A massive sound broke out from the Bridgford Stand which must have been similar to the industrial action manira of "What do we want?" As one, the Turkish contingent in the opposite Trent Stand replied on the lines of: "Three goals."

It does not take a Wordsworth or a Keats to devise a ditty that will catch on quickly, but the choreography and the word perfection made it obvious that this chant was born in Istanbul. A large majority of the people clad in red and white were not Forest fans doing a foreigner or They were from Turkey.

thing happened to suggest that the terwards. An English Turk who, as on-paper mirage of full stadiums has

that Turkey's first appearance in an international finals since 1954 had dragged compatriots from all over Europe. "A lot are from England," he agreed, "but most aren't. Have a look. It's like Istanbul in the town centre."

One thing the City Ground had not been was a centre for impartiality. There were either Turks or Croats in the crowd. The number of English people there just to watch the "biggest sports event in this country for 30 years" was minimal. As it had been at Elland Road on Sunday and St James' Park on Monday.

Already it is apparent that Euro 96's nearly sold out" notices posted before the tournament kicked off has This was confirmed by a conver-sation in a nearby public house af-



GUY HODGSON

COMMENTARY

been the result of shifting thousands of tickets on a "sale or no return" basis to foreign football associations, many of whom did not have an earthly of finding takers for them. Each nation received 7,000 and if

Croatia, for example, sold more than

700 for Tuesday's match then some-

transport links around Nottingham because they did not make it to the ground. Instead there was the ludiof a half-full stadium. Thankfully, the organisers will be allowing ticket sales at the turnstiles when Turkey meet Portugal this afternoon.

Rather than seats being like golddust, a more pertinent image of Euro 96 in group matches not involving England and Scotland was at Old Trafford last Sunday. Germany are one of the great pulls of the tournament but touts found so little interest in their grubby trade that they were off-loading their bundles of tickets for £5 apiece.

Which invites the question why the

English fan has largely resisted the temptation to go to see the likes Rui Costa, Youri Djorkaeff etc. A very

one should have a serious look at the small and hugely unscientific straw poll seems to suggest interest is greatest the further south you go. In London, where the ethnic mix is more crous sight of 4,000 Turks locked out diverse and England matches are accessible, Euro 96 excilement is intense (which makes you wonder why Highbury did not host any group matches). In the northern cities, where our

leading club sides come from, less so. An official suggested that was due in part to the proximity of the tournament to the end of the domestic season. "Euro 96 secmed very unimportant," he said, "in places like Manchester where half the city was worried about relegation and the other about the destination of the championship." It is only a month, too, since Liverpool and Newcastle minds were being diverted towards club matters.

There is also the problem of

eash. One friend took his son to watch Manchester United in the FA Cup final at Wembley and while he would love to extend his first born's knowledge of international football he simply cannot afford to fork out more. Not when he is quoted seat

prices at £45. Like the FA Cup semi-final at Old Trafford, there appears to have been a miscalculation as to what people are prepared to pay even for the highest profile of matches and that mistake might have implications for England's hopes of hosting the World Cup in 2006. If a tournament with 16 nations cannot sell out, what chance

is there for one comprising 32?
A banner at St James' Park on Monday summed up the mood of some. "No Cantona, no Ginola" it read. "No supporters." It could have added: No World Cup either.

Spaniards rocking to royal tunes

The King of Spain may not be Nielsen has hinted that the 26in England – but his players sought inspiration from Queen as they prepare to meet France at Elland Road tomorrow,

It was very positive, it relaxed us and we trained well." said the defender Miguel Angel Nadal yesterday - after an intense training session on Wednesday which was accompanied by loud rock music from the British band, Queen.

Spanish journalists who have looking to make up for limited long domestic season. "Not everyone in Spain listens to flamenco, but we all like Queen." Nadal said. "I think it must have been the coach's choice."

Nadal is still ineligible to face France - he will be serving the last match of his two-match ban after being sent off in a Schmeichel, believes they can two matches. I'm waiting with some anger." he said. The World Cup centre-hack said he was working hard to be taken into account for the last group match against the Ro-

manians next week. music again for yesterday's ses-sion. "We did yesterday because it was an important physical session," said the Real Madrid player who was instrumental in Spain's recovery against Bulgaria on Sunday. Clemente chose music that, it's clear, everyone likes," he added. "It did us good."

Soren Andersen, who cancelled a planned holiday in Klinsmann added. "But those Spain after a late call to Denmark's Euro 96 squad, could lead their attack against Croaua at Hillsborough on Sunday. The coach Richard Moller blame at the end of the day."

REMAINING FIXTURES: Tomorrow: Franco v Sport (6.0) Lat Elland Road). The 18 June: Franco v Bulgana (4.30) lot St

year-old Aalborg striker, his last choice in the 22-man squad, would be in the defending champions side for their second Group D game. Andersen will probably replace Mikkel Beck, who had a disappointing game in the 1-1 draw with Portugal

A quick striker who likes to make darting runs straight for goal, Andersen could trouble the group leaders, Croaoa, a covered the national team for slower side than Portugal. He many years could not recall a has only two caps, his first in a tougher session than that for the crucial Group B encounter. States in 1992, the second as a The coach, Javier Clemente, is substitute in Denmark's last Euro 96 warm-up against pre-tournament preparation. Ghana a week hefore the tour-with players exhausted after a nament started.

Moller Nielsen has also indicated that Michael Schjonherg, a strong runner with a good left foot noted for his skill in dead-ball situations and a long throw-in, may replace Jens Risager on the left flank.

qualifier. "It was a silly offence afford only a draw against Croafor handball that didn't merit tia and still qualify for the quarter-finals. "A draw would suit us Turkey," the Manchester United stalwart said.

Germany's Jürgen Klinsmann believes Euro 96 would have been all the better for the presence of absent stars, like The midfielder Fernando Hi- France's Eric Cantona. "There erro said Spain did not play the are a lot of hig players missing. especially Eric Cantona," the former Tottenham striker said. "It is a pity. He became foot-baller of the year in England, is a marvellous player and yet he cannot participate in this tour-

"Roberto Baggio, Signori and Vialli have all been worldclass players for a long time and it is a shame they are not here," are the decisions of the managers and they take the responsibility. If it doesn't work out for them they will get the

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Robbed: Romania's "goal that wasn't" at St James' Park yesterday. Dorinel Munteanu's long-range shot hits the Bulgarian bar and bounces down behind Bobby Mikhailov - and behind the line Photograph: Simon Bruty/Allsport

More tickets put on sale

The Euro 96 organisers yesterday announced a change in ticket sales policy to allow spectators easier access to the remaining games.

The new arrangements allow fans to book tickets using the tournament's telephone "hotline" and then collect their tickets at the hox office on match-day. Tickets are also being sold direct from club box offices up until the day before a game and from city-centre venues on match days. Originally, tickets had to he purchased five days in advance and there were no match-day sales.

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CARD COUNT: Group A: 10 yeSow cards, 0 yed, Group B: 12 yeSox. 2 red. Group C: 15 yeSox, 0 red. Group D: 11 yeSox 0 red. Total: 45 yeSox, 2 rad.

Semi-finals

However, fans should not expect applications to run of the criticism aimed at Kirsmoothly. It was announced that tickets for the Wemhley quarter-final on 23 June were available via the "hotline" - but a call was met with confusion. 'It's a sell-out," a salesman said. "There is nothing on our computer screens." However,

you can get lickets at £56 and £75 each by going to the Wemhley box office in person. Glen Kirton, the tournament director, said: "The good behaviour of fans has made it possible to review our ticketing policy. These arrangements have been drawn up in con-

junction with the relevant au-

The move should ease some ton's organisation about the number of empty seats around the grounds. The average attendance at the first eight games was officially 83 per cent of capacity. The real figure was somewhat less, due to the fact that foreign football federations had bought tickets on a

non-return basis. Those unsold tickets count as sold in attendance figures, but are represented by rows of empty seats in actuality. "It's something that's heyond our control," a Euro 96 press spokesman said yesterday. "They [the foreign federations]

GROUND-BY-GROUND ANALASELTY: Vise, Paric Scotland v Svitzerland flires 18 June); Quarter-final (Sun 23 June); Immand number of tickets available va hording and in person from Juho box office. Antifeld: Casch Republic v Italy floody); Russa v Casch Republic v Italy floody; Russa v Casch Republic v Italy floody; Tickets available up to June; on match days at the ground. Olf Tarfford: Russia v Germany (Sun 18 June); Quarter-final (Sun 23 June); Semi-final (Wed 25 June); Linded number of tickets available va hordine and in person from cub office. Hills-boroughe Crostla v Demorah (Sun 16 June); Tickets can be purchased at Ponds Forge International Sponts Centre up until 4 ground natch day. Turkey v Demmark (Wed 19 June) As above until 2-30pm on match day, City Grounde Portugal v Turkey (today); Crostla v Portugal (Ned 19 June); Tickets can be purchased up until 2-30pm on match days at Notis County FC. Elicand Reade Romaria v Spain (file 18 June); Tickets can be purchased up until lack-off at the Catc Centre, Loods, and Lettis Reakey Stagon. St James* Peric Fisnes v Bulgans (file 18 June); Tickets can be purchased up until lack-off at St James* Metro stanon car park, Wendibley Quarco-final Sot 23 June). Limited number of tickets mentable in person from Wembley box office.

Angry McCarthy sees red

leading 2-1 thanks to Connol-

ly's second goal in four in-

dismissed after Mexico's Jose Abundis reminded Dominguez

that the Coventry defender had

been booked already. Quinn ran

from his seat on the bench and

was also sent off after appear-

ing to grah Abundis. Three

Mexico Republic of Ireland

The Football Association of Ireland is threatening to reject all future invitations to play in the US Cup unless tournament organisers promise to improve

referecing standards. The Republic are incensed after having their manager Mick McCarthy, the defender Liam Daish and the striker Niall Quinn sent off as Wednesday night's 2-2 draw with Mexico at the Giants Stadium in New Jersey ended in chaos. The referee, Raul Dominguez from Miami, also showed yellow cards

to Alan Moore, Alan McLough-lin and David Connolly. At the came the third Irishman to see final whistle, Domingeuz went red when he threw the ball into up into the stands to embrace a the crowd to prevent the Mexgroup of Mexican supporters and icans taking a quick free-kick. present them with the match ball. "I have never seen anything The game erupted in the 57th minute with the Republic

like what happened on the pitch," McCarthy said. "These two Mexicans were giving me dog's abuse when the ball landternationals and an own goal by Julio Cesar Davino. Daish de-layed taking a free-kick and was

ed in our dug-out area. They
wanted to take a quick free-kick.

I threw the ball over my shoul-

der into the crowd,"
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(Coverys), Harta (Leeds), Kennedy (Lueppool),
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Moore (Middlesbrough), O'Nole (Norwech, Connelly (Midwell), Sabelisher Phelan (Chalsea) for
Yennedy, 72.

A ball-winner with a touch of class

importance of Paulo Sousa. forced him to withdraw, the Ju-tenius midfield player was a to-tal pain to Ajax.

was the best player in Scrie A, was the best player in Scrie A, was the Napoli coach, Vujadin Boskov, said. "He was at the heart of everything Juve did. tal pain to Ajax.

te (who also left the field after 43 minutes) pushed the Dutch hack, disnipted their flow and forced their passes to their front players to be longer than they wished. A pattern was set from which Ajax did not break. Del Piero, Ravanelli and Viali may have grabbed

Sousa who got them The 25-year-old provides Inventus coach, persisted with the same sort of service for Por- him in the European Cup final

the eye; it was Paulo

A re-watching of the European Italy in 1994 and was a massive Cup final will emphasise the influence in Juventus' title the following season. "I don't think For an hour, until an injury he there can be any doubt that he Harrying, running and tack-He has a great passing game ling, he and Antonio Con-and his support play is ex-

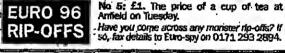
cellent. What makes it more remarkable was that it was his first season in Italy. Only players of extraordinary intelligence who have a good tactical brain can adapt so

quickly." Sadly, his second year, which was undermined by a series of niggling muscular injuries, was not as successful; although it was pertinent that Marcello Lippi, the

tingal. Playing just in front of the back four, he tackles until he ly fit. If he is now fully fit, however, but also directs operations with distribution which is well above par for the ball-winnier in the team.

The tackles until he learn beautiful despite his being less than fully fit. If he is now fully fit, however, Portugal will revolve round him. "I'm more of a strategist, a maker of chances," Paulo Sousa said. "My joh is to -Initially with Benfica and get hold of the ball and create.

Sporting Lisbon, he moved to I'm at the service of the team."



EURO 96 Arrield on Tuesday.

Turks veto



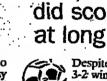


ey's football redefender Alpay Özalan for not stopping. Croatia's Goran Vlaovic run from the half-way fine to score a late winner at the City Ground on Tuesday. Newspapers said Alpay,

praised by European foot-ball's governing body for his "gentlemanly conduct" in not fouling his opponent, should have had no qualus about using underhand methods to stop Vlaovio'a solo run. "He could have hung on to his waist and prevented the goal," the newspaper Hürnyet said. "It might have been a bit ugly but he could even have tripped him up from behind. At least we would have won a point."

Sabah, a rival paper, went even further. No team made up of professionals would have lost a goal like that."

And Smith did score... at long last





Despite enjoying a 3-2 win over their English media colleannes football press are crying foul about their opponents' team selection for Wednesday's friendly" match at Luton. -Mark Bright, the Sheffield

Wednesday striker and a BBC Radio Five Live match summariser, scored the second goal for the English press team, after which the Scots claimed that the home side had hroken a pre-match agreement not to field any corrent professional players. The Scots' first goal was

scored by a former professional: Gordon Smith, now of **BBC** Radio Scotland but once of Brighton and Hove Albion, Manchester City and Rangers. Another triumph for the Scottish press saw them beat the English 3 and 2 in a matchplay golf tournament at Strat-ford upon Avon.

FOOTBALL: THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE "¿Quién es el hijó de puta vestido de negro con un pito?"

...which is Spanish for: "Who's the son of a bitch in the black with the whistle?"

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JOHN ROBERTS

reports from Queen's Club

The popular acclaim which has accompanied Stefan Edberg throughout his retirement season continued here yesterday when the Swede advanced to the quarter-finals of the Stella Artois Championships at the ex-pense of Goran Ivanisevic.

It was Edberg's third consecutive win against the Croat, and he now leads their head-tohead 9-8. Ivanisevie won their only previous encounter on grass, at Wimbledon in the 1992 quarter-finals. Ivanisevic seemed more con-

cerned about a strained tendon in his right knee, which was strapped from 2-5 in the second stapped nom 2-3 m the second set, than the defeat, 6-7, 6-2, 7-6. "I always play bad here," he said. "I don't feel so had, because 1 always lose. When you come to England you have to have some kind of tradition, so this is mine."

Edberg, seeded as low as No 14 because of his ranking at No 26, performed with the verve which brought him the title here in 1991 and the Wimhledon championship on two

Recovering from the disappointment of losing the first set tie-break, 7-3, the Swede took

control of the second set from the moment in the third game when Ivanisevic lost his temper after being denied an ace by a

It appeared that Edberg would cruise through the final set after Ivanisevie doublefaulted into trouble in the third game, and was broken. But the Croat assured the Centre Court of a dramatic finale by breaking back when Edberg served for the match at 5-4.

Ivanisevic never recovered af-

ter double-faulting to give the Swede a 3-1 lead in the tiehreak, and although he looked startled when his forehand ser-vice return was called out oo match point, at 3-7, there could be little doubt that Edberg had earned his success over the two hours' play.
There was a minor sensation

when the top two seeds advanced to the last eight, the No I being that grass-court alien Thomas Muster. The Austrian gains the vast majority of his ranking points on clay, and has yet to win a match at Wimbledon. Muster is the antithesis of the

No 2 seed. Germany's Boris Becker, who has never been able to win a title on clay courts but yesterday became the first man to win 100 matches on grass since John MeEnroe in 1989. Becker defeated the Ameri-

Muster and Becker, who have been on the tour for 13 years, learned the game on slow Eucan Jonathan Stark, 6-4, 6-2.

ropean clay. But while Muster's tenacious baseline style remains Muster beat Andrei Olhovskiy. 6-2, 6-4, unnerving the Russian into committing the kind of ertrue to its roots, Becker's inclination to serve and volley enrors Britain's Tim Henman rarely had a sniff at the previabled his career to take off at Oueen's and soar at Wimbledon.

At home on grass: Boris Becker during his win over Jonathan Stark yesterday - his 100th win on the surface

Asked where he would seed Muster for Wimhledon, Becker smiled and said: "You'd better ask me on Sunday." He added: "Thomas did win on a fast indoor court in Essen last October, and if you have good groundstrokes and good returns you can play well from the backcourt at Wimhledon, as agassi has done."

happy medium between his baseline style and the advantage of attacking the net. "I'm still inking too much about what I have to do." he said. "I think my timing was better today, especially on the returns, but I was not too happy with my serve." Becker, runner-up to Pete Sampras at Wimbledon last year and went on to win the Australian Open in January, expressed sat-isfaction with his recovery from

Photograph: Robert Hallam

a thigh injury which caused him to miss the French Open. QUARTER-PINALS LINE-UP: T Muster (Aud) v M Woodforde (Aus); S Edberg (Swc) bt 7 Mer-un (US); M Stich (Ger) v W Ferreria (SA); P Ratter (Aus) v B Becker (Ger).

Dutch top seed pulls through

Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, the top seed from the Netherlands, encouraged by 50 Dutch foothall fans in the gallery, had to struggle to survive before win-ning her third-round match in the DFS Classic at Edghaston

vesterday. Schultz-McCarthy, who is 6ft 2in tall, finally beat the Italian Gloria Pizzichini, who is just over five feet, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3 to reach the quarter-finals of this Wimbledon warm-up event. Pizzichini, ranked 52 io the

world, 42 places below her rival, won the first set after losing a 5-2 lead and then, at 3-3 in the second set, had three break points.

That was the lurning point. Schultz McCarthy said. "If t hadn't saved those break points it would have been very difficult because on these courts it is hard to break back. But it was a good match for me to win for not many people return my serve as well as Gloria did today."

Schultz-McCarthy has the fastest serve in the women's game and was timed at 121 mph at the Australian Open in Junuary. But she hopes to be a bit quicker at Wimbledon.

Though the third-seeded Naiasha Zvereva, struggling with a knee injury, was crushed 6-1, 6-0 by American Meredith McGrath, the big surprise of the day came when Lori McNeil. the sixth seed, was beaten 6-3. 1-6, 6-3 by Germany's Christina Singer. McNeil, who beat Stelfi Graf

in the first round at Wimbledon two years ago, won this tournament in both 1993 and 1994 and was runner-up last year.



COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Penney prospers for champions Essex take their chances Durham's shortcomings exposed

Mongia gives India

Gough seizes his chance to impress

DEREK PRINGLE

reports from Headingley Warwickshire 306 Yorkshire 7-0

Exercises in futility are not uncommon in county cricket. Nornally, though, these take part ater in the seasoo, and then only between sides languishing between mid-table and bottom nlace, with little more to look forward to than their eod-ofseasoo party.

It is definitely not something expected from teams jostling for position at the head of the able, as Yorkshire and Warvickshire curreotly are, the pair

being top and fourth respectively before yesterday's meeting at Headingley. There were, however, miti-

gating circumstances; both sides had missed ont on a Lord's final the day before, losing matches that they were well poised to win. When the making or breaking of a season rests upon such things, mass disap-pointments are inevitable. Inevitably it was the players

who put Wednesday's disappointment behind them who prospered most. Trevor Penney's watchful ceotury was nicely countered by a timely performance from Darren Gough, whose 4 for 66 was achieved in front of Ray Illingworth.

Gough, who bowled well for England in the one-day matches against India, was oot selected for the first Test. If that came as a disappointment, he has gone about responding with deeds rather than dogma.

It was, however, Peter Hartley, his new-ball partner, who got Wasim Khan to play over one well up in the left-hander's blockhole. Gough removed Andy Moles with a corker that slipped under the bat, a ball he later reproduced to get rid of Dougle Brown, just as the allrounder began to look set.

majority of Yorkshire support-

wondering what might have been had such a policy been pursued during the frenetic last few overs on Wednesday, rather than on a balmy day at home. Warwickshire's supporters

could almost be forgiveo for thinking the same and, whereas oo Wednesday they had fallstarted the sequence when he . en in a welter of run-outs, there was not even the slightest hint of a poorly judged run yester-day, despite only four players making double-figure scores. Led by Penney, whose 125

took a shade under five hours and contained 11 fours and season is due to a policy of non-intensive coaching session at two sixes, the visitors struggled interference from the committee If Gough's bowling raised the to cope with a slow flat pitch. Only Dominic Ostler was able

the ball with immense power before a miscued pull gave Chris Silverwood a caught and bowled.

It was the wicket that awak-

eoed the home side from their semi-final torpor, who, but for Penney's painstaking care. would have coded the day in a far more commanding position. Apart from his partnerships of 116 with Ostler and 73 with Dermot Reeve, Warwickshire looked more out of sorts than their opponents.

There are many who feel Yorkshire's strong showing this -something that has never happened in the past - and talk is that ers' spirits, there were still those to dominate the bowling, striking the captain, David Byas, has just final oct tomorrow.

been allowed to get on with it. Such progressive thinking has been late in coming, and yet no one can accuse Yorkshire of being behind the times on other matters, which includes amongst other things their very own weh site on the Internet.

But if people have spent decades trying to get through to the committee, it seems that a Raj K Tikia, an Indian based in New Orleans, has brokeo through oo the Net, apparently in order to have a oet. Tikia e-mailed Yorkshire to ask for an their indoor school. Yorkshire, obliged and Tikia travelled the 4,500 miles last week. He has his

Nayan Mongia gave the Indians a much-oeeded boost but the tourists were left with pleoty of problems to solve after another batting collapse at Derby yes-Moogia has been pencilled in

to open in next week's second Test match at Lord's and he justified that promotion with an accomplished uobeaten 74. However, the recognised batsmen failed again, with the cap-tain Mohammed Azharuddin scoring only 21 as Derbyshire bowled the tourists out for 229 in 66 overs. The Indians, who rested

Sachin Tendulkar, were facing big problems at one stage when they slumped to 110 for 8, but the last two wickets added 119 to put the earlier batting into Although a grassy pitch pro-vided assistance to the pace bowlers, India's pre-lunch col-lapse after being put in was down to poor batting. Devon Malcolm bowled with pace and accuracy to finish with 4 for 60 from 21 overs, but India's top-

order batting lacked application. Mongia was a ootable exception as he occupied the crease for just short of four hours to supervise a partial re-covery. Salil Ankola opted for a vivid counter-attack which brought him a career-best 45 including two sixes and six fours from only 35 balls in an eighth-

wicket stand of 58 in 10 overs. Wheo Derbyshire batted. Ankola, who joined the tour last week, had Tim Tweats caught behind in the eighth over. Derbyshire closed on 80 for 3.

Gooch provides spark Austin savages Durham

IENRY BLOFELD

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... : eports from Chelmsford Vorthants 214; Essex 63-0

> Vorthamptonshire's innings was curious mixture. On a pitch thich had an uneven bounce, post of their runs came from unxpected sources while the exerienced batsmen contributed

urprisingly few. Northamptonshire owed their nly batting point to a last-wick-t stand of 51 from Neil Malender and Paul Taylor. There as notable absentees on both des. Mark Ilott is oursing a broen right hand while Northamponshire were without Curtly unbrose, who has hurt his back, nd Kevin Curran, whose wife as just given birth to a son.

and drama of their Benson and Hedges semi-final, the first day of a four-day match before not much of a crowd was an anti-climax for Northants. In any event, the only sparkle all day came in the last 40 overs of the day from Graham Gooch, who cut, pulled and drove as only he can.

At the start Richard Montgomerie soon drove at Steve Andrew and was comfortably caught at secood slip by Gooch. The secood wieket fell at 43 when Rob Bailey tried to glance Ashley Cowan and was caught behind. David Roberts, who is 19 and playing his first Cham-pionship match, was joined by Mal Loye. They added 62, the biggest stand of the innings. In a compact way Roberts made a good impression. He defended

Maybe after the excitement surely, drove pleasantly and hit seven fours in his 41. He showed that there is good material for John Emburey to work with. Loye played some good shots

too, but he should cut out the pull or do some hard work on it. He always seemed to hit the ball in the air. He was caught behind flashing outside the offstump at Andrew, and the middle and lower order then capit-

ulated against steady bowling.
The exception was Andy Roberts (no relation), who played some robust strokes, taking 15 in an over off Ronnie Irani. When he was caught off bat and pad at silly point, Northants were 163 for 9. Taylor, who must be the best No 11 in the country, and Mallender held up Essex for 22 overs, putting the pitch into a truer perspective.

MIKE CAREY

reports from Chester-le-Street Lancs 264; Durham 138-8

Lancashire's batting had a fragile look about it yesterday until Ian Austin made an unbeaten 95 from 89 balls with a savagery that exposed the shortcomings of Durham's attack. He scattered runs around like confetti on a pitch where batsmen

invariably have to work hard. Just exactly how bard Durham then discovered when Glen Chapple and Peter Martin, putting the ball in the right place with a consistency that lat-terly had eluded their opponents, quickly tore the heart out of Durham's innings. With 18 wickets falling in the day, the umpires would have been oblig-ed to inform the TCCB last night. But they might have added that though the bounce was inconsistent, batsmen were not endangered and there was a lot of moderate batting. Although Durham have a suspended sentence of a 10-point deduction

hanging over them, they may be able to breathe easily this time.
That could oot be said for Lancashire who, after their epic win over Yorkshire, probably have much to celebrate. But at 115 for 6, with two front-line batsmen out injured, they had pleoty of time for sober reflection as they were undone initially by Simon Brown, the country's leading wicket-taker who is very much in the selectors' thoughts. Not least of his attributes is the ability to bring

the ball back into the right-han-der. But yesterday he removed Mike Atherton with a beauty that left him late: then he pinned Nick Speak with an inswinger.

Durham's troubles started when Melvyn Betts, who hit pitch and bat hard, bowled five noballs in an over. In the confusion, Steve Tichard got out to nne that was wide and legal. Betts went for 38 in three overs and did not appear until later, when he bowled another over containing no-balls and a wide. Steve Lugsden's pace posed problems, but straightness was not one of his virtues. That was shown later not only by Martin and Chapple but by Steve El-worthy, who, often reaching the wicketkeeper at chest height. ended a battling innings by

John Morris, who had made 50.

Lenham solves the puzzle

scant consolation

Mark Allevne returned careers best figures of 5 for 32 as Sussex were bowled out for a meagre 157 after winning the toss at Bristol. However, that score was made to look respectable as Gloucestershire shamped to 72 for 8 in reply before a stand of 66 between Mike Smith and Martyn Ball took them to 138 for 8 at the close.

It was by no means an impossible pitch and there were some red-faced hatsmen on both sides, as only Neal Lenham's 70 for Sussex interrupted the howler's dominance. Courtney Walsh put Sussex in trouble by removing Bill Athey for a duck and Alan Wells for one with only eight runs on the

board. By lunch the visitors had crawled their way to 40 for 5 but then Lenham launched a spirited counter attack, helping Peter Moores add 86 for the

Lenham's 70 came off 125 balls, with 13 fours - a tremendous effort on a day when only three other players managed to get past 20. Once the partnership with Moores was broken. Alleyne quickly mopped up the tail with his medium pace.

Gloucestershire were struggling from the moment Nick Trainor departed for four in the opening over from Vashert Drakes, and then Andrew Svmoods was caught trying to hook Ed Giddins.

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Bowling: West in 15-4-30-2; Chapple 17-4-41-5; Elevativ 8-1-36-1; Austin 6-1-25-0
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To bet: P 0 Bowler, M E Tre Tablets P.O. Bowler, M.E. Trescothick, A.N. Hay-hurst, R.J. Turner, P.C. L. Holloway, G.O. Rose, A.R. Caddick, K.A. Paraons, K.J. Shine. Bowling: Watkin 0.4-0-2-1, Umpkres: J W Holder and K J Lyons.

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Sussex — First Innings
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E S H Gindins not out



CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Weekes: 108 for Middlesex Fail: 1-2, 2-8, 3-25, 4-37, 5-37, 6-123, 7-129, 8-141, 9-141. Bowling: Weish 15.4-7-48-3; Smith 18.2-5-58-1; Alloyne 17-6-32-5; Hancock 3-2-3-0; Davis 5-1-13-1.

N J Trainor b Donkes Symonds c Law b Giddins ... W Alterne the b Gidding M C J Ball not out ... A M Smith not out Extras (b1, b5, rib4) ... Total (for 8, 43 overs)

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Kout v Middlesex Middlesex won tops MIDDLESEX - First tenings P C R Tufnell. Bowling: McClague 19-4-50-0; Headley 25-5-81-1; Eathern 15-4-35-1; Pasel 20-3-84-1; Hooper 11-1-53-1; Herming 14-1-35-1. HOOPER: 19-Pulton, M V Flemming T R Wand, C L Hooper, G R Cowdrey, M A Estherm, "15 A Marint, M J McCague, M M Patel, IT W Headley, N J Llong, Umplines: T E Jessy and N T Plews.

THE FOSTER'S OVAL: Sarrey (3pts) are 340 for 6 in their first innings against Leicostarohire (2). tershire (2).

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G P Thorpe not out 94
A 0 Brown c sind b Pierson 77
A J Hollodes run out 77
C C Lewis c Meddy b Pierson 77
C C Lewis c Meddy b Pierson 120
(G J Ressey not out 8
Endras (95, 86, 84, 052) 17
Total (for 8, 104 overs) 340
Fall: 1-65, 2-180, 3-227, 4-234, 5-256, 6-320. io bat: M P Bicknell, R M Pearson, J E Bén-

To set of Pictores, R of Pearson, J E Benjamin.

Bowling: Milins 11.3-47-0; Mullayly 20-5-45-0; Wells 13-2-50-0; Parsons 16-3-49-1; Pierson 37-5-122-4; Simmons 7-2-16-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: V J Wells, D L Macky, B F Smith, PV Simmons, "J Whiteley, A Hable, 1P A Mison, G J Parsons, O J Milins, A R K Pearson, A D Mullaily.

Umplices: R Julian and M J Kitchen.

Worcs v Hotts WORCSTER Worcostershire (30tx) are 342 for 3 in their first immings against Nottingbersshire (1). Worcestershire won toss WORCESTERSHIRE - First immings T S Curis c Walter b Afford 46 W P C Weston c Butes b Casris 21 G A Hat c Welter b Evens 17 T M Moody not out 194 R K Senine not out 55

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R K Spring not out 55
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9 Total (for 3, 106 overs) 56
Falt 1.35, 2-84, 3-160
To bat: OA Leatheroite, IS J Prodes, S R Lampon, R K Bingworth, P J Newsort, M Raumsley,
Bouling Carra, 26-4-100-1; Pick 13-4-38-0;
Evens 27-6-84-1: Afford 22-6-55-1; Bottes
12-0-60-0: Archer 5-0-18-0.
NOTTHINGHAMSHIRE: P R Polisard, R 7 Robinson, G F Archer *P Johnson, A A Mercanile, C L Carris, ft. N P Wester, K P Extra, R 7 Spring, R A Pick, J A Afford.
Unspiring: R Pariser and G Sharp

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Total (for 0, 2 overs)

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To bat: *0 Boso, M G Bessen, A McGram, C White, #I J Blakey, O Gough, P J Hordey, C E W Swensood, R O Sterno.

Bousing Policck 1-0-7-0; Brown 1-1-0-0, Unspires; D J Constant and A G T Whitehead.

Fight 1-5, 2-25, 3-25, 4-39, 5-63, 6-6, 7-87, 8-110, 9-168.

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DERRYSHERE - First Institute 1-3-5-1: Arisms 1-0-4-0; iones 1-0-8-0.

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To bet: M R Mey, P A J DeFredas, †k. M. Miken, A J Harms, O E Maicolm, k. J Dean Bewling: Sarvath 5-1-12-0; Ankola 8-1: 34-1; Mismber 10-3-19-1; Kumble 8-6-7-1: Raju 1-0-8-0. Raju 1-0-5-0. Umpires: K E Palmer and J A Bond.

Starting today FEEST CLASS MATCH (Fenner's: three days, including Sunday: 11.0): Cambridge days, including Sunda University v Hampshire.

BAIN HOGE TROPHY (One day; 11.0): Milto Keynes (Casabell Park): Northamptor shre if y Minor Counties. Shenley: MCC YO V Esser. Castleford: Yorkshire y Durham.

Faldo and Monty give monster a run for its money

TIM GLOVER

Colin Montgomerie shot 70 and looked suicidal; Niek Faldo shot 72 and was positively philosophical. "I've left my birdie barrage for another day." Faldo said. Neither tamed the "monster", as Oakland Hills is called althnugh several Americans were under par.

Monty scored level par and Groundstaff were working until midnight, pumping water from the fairways, greens and example, was under six feet nf nut the pars." In the first round

an hour but that is only an estimate. The computer that records such statistics was short circuited by the rain.

There were the occasinnal soggy lies, and if the greens were not as firm as the United States Golf Associating would have liked, they were not as slow as had been anticipated. On the The most extruordinary thing about the US Open is not that measures the speed of greens, Monty scored level par and the reading was an extremely was disgrunted but that the healthy 11. "The course," Falcourse behaved so well after be- dn said, "was playing great. ing lashed by a violent thun- There were some tight pin poderstorm on Wednesday, sitings but everything was almost perfect."

Faldo, the Masters champi-nn, said the man whn wins the bunkers. The eighth fairway, for US Open will have to "ehurn

my irons," he said. "That was about the worst score I could possibly have had." In contrast to Montgomerie, and the Irishman Philip Walton, who shot a one under par 69, Faldo did not give an impersonation of a metronome.

He hit the ball to the right at the 2nd, 5th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 14th and 18th holes and was clearly in need of some more fine tuning with his coach, David Leadbetter. Faldo's dropped shots came at the 7th where he hit a six-iron into a bunker and the 15th where he three-putted. Like John Daly, Faldo is using a zero-iron, which has a loft of 12 degrees. He used it on seven occasions yesterday. "It has the same effect as a three-

European Ryder Cup colleagues, played almost flawless golf hut nnce again Mnnty was dissatisfied. "I didn't convert my opportunities and that 67, and Lee Janzen, with 68 -

Monignmerie appeared on the leaderboard - the front-runners were the former US Open champions Payne Stewart, with

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rough was too strong and he missed a 10-foot putt coming back. "It was a very disap-pointing way to finish," he said. Monty had three birdies, which

was three more than Faldo. but had a four at the par three ninth, where his ball was plugged in a bunker. "I was very unlucky," he moaned. There was a similar refrain when he lost a winning position in the Alamo English Open at the Forest of Arden last Sunday.

Walton missed nuly two fairways and hirdied the 2nd, 8th and 10th. The second hole measures 523 yards and Walton vas on in two with two drivers. At the 8th, he holed a 20-footer downhill and at the 10th sank casual water.

lan Woosnam joined Faldo on 72. The Weishman, who birdied the first, said: "I'm driving badly, putting badly and hitting my irons hadly." Apart from that his game was OK. "It's driving me nuts," he said. "The fairways look about as wide as

Woosnam was playing with a level par round of 70. At 465 yards, the 18th plays more like a par five than a four but the 46year-old Watson hit driver, 5 iron and rolled in a 15-foot putt for a three.

Watson, who won the Memoa putt from around 15 feet. He rial Tournament two weeks ago. 67 to join Stewart.

water hut yesterday there wasn't a trace. At least three inches of rain fell in less than an hour but that is only an estimated for this and hour but that is only an estimated for the wasn't real wa My long putting wasn't real good but I made a lot of short putts and I'm very happy about that I can't complain about a 70. Any time you shoot even par in the US Open you've played a good round of golf." He should try telling that to Montgomeric. If Oakland Hills Country Club is the place to churn out

pars. Detroit, of course, is the car churning capital of Ameri-Tom Watson, who gained a rare ca and a couple of appropriate hirdie at the punishing 18th fur names appeared on the lenderboard after the first round: Ford and Austin. Bob Ford, playing in only his third US Open at the age of 42, shot 69 and Woody Austin, making his debut in the national championship, had a three-under-par

Romanians on way home after 'robbery'

Football

GUY HODGSON reports from St James' Park

Romania became the first team to go out nf Euro 96 as ill inrune bedevilled HHP1196 them at St James' Park vesterday. On Monday a slip by their goalkeeper condemned them in a defeat by the French; this time it was an error by officialdnm that cost

place in the tournament. With no points from twn Group B games, even if they win their final match against Spain raging about it 30 years later be-

Bookings: Bulgaria: Kehishey, Tayetanov,

Gost: Strictikov (3) 1-0.

BULGARRI, (43-1-2): Mildhellov (Reading); Nishlathev (Neffocthird, Bourges), Yenkov (Engle (Herdinger), Ansov (Repid Vierna), Tsvetamov (Medithof Monthebn); Lactikov (Hamburg), Balakov (VIB Stuttgart), Yendemov (Sporting Lisbart); Stalebilov (Parma); Kostadinov (Bayern Murich), Premar (Mileton Madrid), Salestitudes; Borlankov (1860 Murach) for Nosbar, oro, 32: Sarakov (Slava Solia) for Perev. (1, Genchev (Juon Torn)) for Lectivo, 59: ROMANIA (4-3-1-2); Stales (Steau) Bucharest); Petrancu (Chebes), Beforkelici (Mileted), Proden (Steaus Bucharest), Salymes (Andarlecht); Lapatou (Bayer Leverbusen), Populario (Bayer Leverbusen), Populario (Bayer Leverbusen), Populario (Bayerbora), National (Bayerbora), Salakov (

survive, It was an unjust outcome in a match in which a tetevision replay proved they should have had an equaliser.

The "goal" that never was came on the half hnur when Ghenrghe Hagi dummied to send over a long cross from a corner nn the right and then played it instead to the corner of the area to Dorinel Munteanu. The Cologne mid-field player crashed his 25-yard drive against the bar, the hall bounced down and then out, and, as the Romanians protested, Trifon Ivanov headed the

them at least a draw and their hall away, place in the tournament. Unlike England's third goal in the World Cup final of 1966, there would not be arguments at Elland Road on Tuesday it cause the television replay

will not be enough for them to showed that the ball had crossed the line by about a foot. When the subject of a television-armed second referee in the stands comes before the game's governing body, Fifa, expect Romania to vote for it.

Bobby Mikhailov, Bulgaria's goalkeeper, said: "I didn't see the ball. It's not my problem whether it crossed the line. If it did I would remind you: this is how England won the 1966 Warld Cup."

The final result was even less satisfactory, because the Romanians dominated the second half, pinning the Bulgarians into their own area for much of the time. Before the match, Reading's Mikhailov had suggested that this meeting of Balkan neighbours would have the intensity of a derby. "A hit like Reading against Oxford," he said, tongue in eheek, hut neither Thames valley side, with due respect, has anyone anywhere remotely in the class

of Hristo Stoichkov. Yesterday the Bulgarian striker scored a goal after two to run at the Romanian rearminutes that even great players



Krasimir Balakov, he turned so sharply that his marker, Miodrag Belodedici, slipped. Free guard, Stoichkov dummied to

instead of the expected right, being the joint top scorer of the ner by Mikhailov, Daniel Prosqueezing the ball past Bogdan tournament.

Spanish, he now has two goals hut Romania battered at the most made the most of a scramrarely achieve at this level. Re- his left to give himself an extra in two matches in Euro 96 and Bulgarian door in search of sur- hie in the area, his shot shaving ceiving a pass 40 yards out yard and, as he entered the area, is on his way to emulating his vival. Hagi had a free-kick a post. The equaliser did not justice and it was only right from the game's best player, stabbed the ball with his left foot feat of the 1994 World Cup of punched away from the top corcome and, indeed, the best Stelea blocked the shot.

After his penalty against the crumpled against such genius even in injury time Prodan al-

dan nearly found the net with Some teams would have a diving header after 68 minutes,

chance of the second half fell to their opponents when Nasko Sirakov hack-heeled audaciously to put Yordan Lechkov clear. A second Bulgarian goal justice and it was only right that

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Southgate set to step forward for England

Gareth Snuthgate could move forward into midfield when England take on Scotland tomnrrow, with David Platt probably kept nut by a rib injury. Platt has not trained properly since the England squad re-assembled on Mnnday night.

England will need reinfarcements to aid Paul Gascoigne and Paul Ince in the centre, where they will confront Gary McAl-lister, Stuart McCall and Jnhn Collins. The options for the England coach, Terry Venables, are limited, his only alternative being Jamie Redknapp, whn did not impress against China.

Southgate has taken in international football like a natural and before he joined Paul Mc-Grath in the Aston Villa defence he had performed with great credit in Crystal Palace's midfield in their relegation season.

Pushing him forward would be a strong variation on the hle secret weapon alongside

three-man defence Venables introduced for England, giving the option of either Southgate or Ince stepping into the hack line at times of pressure.

There was better news for England with Darren Anderton returning in yesterday's single. hut lengthy, training session at Bisham after struggling for the last two days with a sore ham-string. The Tottenham winger could switch to the left flank in Saturday, with Nottingham Forest's right-sided Steve Stane coming back into the side to add

further solidity.
Steve McManaman has di-vided England fullowers between those impressed with his ability in take on and beat opprincents, and those appalled at the quality of his crossing. Venables will want accurate service tn a more orthodox front two. with Robbie Fowler his proba-

fortable nn either flank and a rest might prove a godsend fnr the wrong-footed McManaman nn the left.

Venables will tell his players today who will face the auld enemy, hut again he will not tell his public until just before the Scotland could pitch the

Celtie full-back Tosh McKinlay into the match. He tooks set tn return to Craig Brown's line-up, if Scotland revert to a five-man defence against whatever opposition Venables selects.

Scotland's injury worries are clearing in time for the crucial confrontation, with Stewart McKimmie, John Collins and Gary McAllister all likely to be ready for setection. McKimmie, the Aberdeen defender who has been nursing a knee injury for some time, did not train

Sacchi rotating his resources

ter-finals.

Fahrizin Ravanelli was yesterday recalled by Italy for tnnight's European Championship match against the Czech Republic at Antield as the coach, Arrigo Sacchi, made a surprising five changes.

Ravanelli, the Juvenus striker will be partnered by the £9m Parma forward, Enrico Chiesa, who makes his seninr international debut

Sacchi rests Gianfranco Zola and front-line partner Pier Luigi Casiraghi, the man who scored both goals in the opening 2-1 win against Russia. Another casualty is Alessandro del Piero, who loses his place to Roberto Donadoni, his halftime replacement on Tuesday.

There are two other changes in midfield, with Diego Fuser and Ding Baggin drafted in for Angelo Di Livio and Roberto di Matteo. Sacchi, who retains his entire defence, had always only two clear days between

planned to rotate his strong squad and knows that victory will take his side into the quar-Sacchi, explaining his selec-tion, said: "Revolution is out the

right word - there are only three changes from the team which finished against Russia." Donadoni, Ravanelli and Fuser all went on as substitutes after the interval against the Russians, but the Italian coach came under fire for leaving out strikers Casiraghi and Zola for the game against the Czech Re-

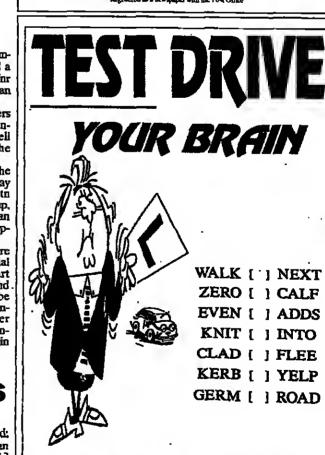
Sacchi countered the criticism, saying: "The night before the game against Russia no one wanted them. I've taken criticism from everybody, but I day after they dominated the helieve that leaving them out is in the interests of the team and of the two players as well." The Italians will have had

matches and their coach added: "You can't play in the European Champingship with only 11, 12 or 13 players - and I have great faith in all my 22."

Antonin Oliveira, the Portuguese coach, insists he will never compromise on his amhition to make his team the most technically gifted national team in Europe - even at the risk of sacrificing victory against Turkey in this afternoon's vital group D clash in Nottingham.
"It is always important to win, but I never want to win by playing hadly."Oliveira said.

Cynics have reserved judge-ment on Portugal's imaginative opening performance against the holders, Denmark, last Sungame hut could only draw 1-1.
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